

LEECHWELL GARDEN ASSOCIATION - POOL PROJECT

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 29th May 2013 at Totnes Fire Station.

1. Present; David Mitchell; Janet Mitchell; Roma Church; Shirley Prendergast; David Martin; Liz Warnes; Jeannette Willington; Jim Carfrae

Apologies: Susan Taylor; Robert Vint; Catherine Munro; Keith Rennells;

2. Minutes of the previous meeting: the minutes of the last Pool Group meeting (held on 24th April 2013) were agreed.

3. Matters Arising

Shirley has decided that while Andrew Rathbone's drawings are not quite finished, it would be cheaper and more efficient if we first gather all suggested updates, agree them and then ask Andrew to complete the drawings. On looking at the plan, Janet suggested that a possible change to the path head - to make it more symmetric.

Progress to Date:

4. Spouts

Janet reported on the meeting at the pool to look at Fran Benatt's models and two pieces of terracotta pipe Shirley had found. It was felt that Fran's designs were not really appropriate but the terracotta pipes were excellent though not perhaps long enough. Shirley needs a decision before submitting plans to English Heritage and Janet asked if people were still interested in Peter Randall-Page's offer - she suggested a studio visit might be useful (not least to remind him that we are still interested). After some discussion it was agreed that:

(a) if we were to pursue the PRP option, there should be a separate fund-raising effort for that (rather than bundling it with the pool project as a whole)

(b) we need to discuss it at the next LGA Committee meeting (10th July) to get agreement

(c) Janet should email PRP to explain the delay in contacting him (funding, knotweed, etc)

(d) we should check that EH would not require us to re-apply for scheduled monument consent just to replace a temporary terracotta spout with PRP's granite one

5. Costings for hard landscaping, planting and benches

Sebastian Kelly had submitted an estimate for the hard landscaping of £1264, though it appeared that this included paving the area below the pool which we cannot do without EH consent. Shirley has asked Sebastian to modify his quote appropriately (which should reduce it by at least £200)

Jeanette and Shirley reported that the planting (including trees) should cost less than £1000

The seating/benches still need more research and Shirley asked members to bring possible options to the next meeting. Jim suggested that the £2000 Midas art money could be used to purchase benches (provided that they were not cheap, off-the-shelf factory ones).

6. Knotweed

The meeting discussed Shirley's summary of the meeting she and Liz had with SHDC and Ian Thompson from **Nomix-enviro**, as well as Keith's following email. Although the situation is clearly unsatisfactory we seem to have little choice other than to wait possibly 2 years before we can do any work in the affected area (which includes the pool itself).

7. AOB

Nothing to report.

NEXT MEETING: 6pm, Wednesday 10th July, Totnes Fire Station (LGA Committee)

6pm, Wednesday 17th July, Totnes Fire Station (Pool Project Meeting)