

**MINUTES FOR LEECHWELL GARDEN ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2016 6pm at the REconomy Centre**

**PRESENT:** David Mitchell (Chair); Shirley Prendergast, Jeannette Willington, Jim Carfrae, Marsha Cummings, Keith Rennells

**1. APOLOGIES:** Lu Overy, David Martin

**2. MINUTES:** The minutes of the meeting of the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 were approved.

**3. MATTERS ARISING:**

Dave mentioned that though there were no minutes, we had had two informal committee meetings since the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, one in the garden with Earthwrights and one in mid May to discuss options for watering the garden.

**4. RHS PENNANT VISIT – July 15<sup>th</sup>**

Dave had drafted and circulated a 'scrapbook' of photos for the assessors. Dave and Jeannette agreed to be 'guides' on the 15<sup>th</sup> (as last year) and Shirley and Marsha hoped to be able to be present as well.

**5. REPLACEMENT OF PLAY STRUCTURE**

(a) Keith's remuneration

It was agreed that we should pay Keith's two invoices (attached) for the work he has done for us. Jeannette and Dave signed a cheque for £850 drawn on the newly opened Leechwell Garden Playground Fund. The committee thanked Keith for his outstanding efforts on our behalf.

(b) Keith distributed revised plans from Earthwrights for the Play Structure. It was agreed that we should use the £4335 grant from Santander to pay for the 'dish roundabout' and 'sandpit with fat logs' (which satisfy the requirement for 'accessible play equipment'. The grant is already in TotSoc's bank account. Dave agreed to discuss with TotSoc how payment should be made for these items. Shirley agreed to laminate the revised plan and place it in the garden for visitors to see. **Action:** Shirley to laminate

Keith said he was still waiting for the Condition Survey from SHDC on the existing structure, but was confident it could continue to be used until the Autumn. Earthwrights' date for starting work is currently 24<sup>th</sup> October, though they may be able to start work earlier. Keith agreed to get a firm 'earliest date' from them so he could arrange with SHDC the removal of the existing structure. There was some discussion of what if anything could be salvaged or sold – SHDC would clearly have to saw the Eucalypt into manageable pieces but were unlikely to turn it into usable logs for wood-burning stoves. Keith agreed to discuss options with SHDC. **Action:** Keith to liaise with both

**6. WATERING THE GARDEN**

Dave outline the current plan to use the two RainPerfect solar-powered pumping systems to (a) pump water from the pool outlet to a water butt near the pergola and (b) to water the herb garden by pumping water from the butt. He and Jim had verified that the system was capable of doing these jobs.

Following discussions in the garden earlier in the week, it was agreed that the pumping systems, water butt and hose reel(s) should be placed in a small, lockable garden shed or storage unit. The two solar panels could be placed unobtrusively on top of the pergola. Jim mentioned that a friend, Guy Metcalfe, had the necessary electronic and construction skills to do the work. Dave showed pictures of some garden storage units and after some

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discussion it was agreed to visit Powderham Sawmills to discuss a high-quality bespoke 'shed' with them.

**Action:** visit to be organised by?

Once a decision had been made on storage, Jim would discuss the work involved with Guy (who charges £18 an hour).

**AOB:**

Keith asked if SHDC had repaired the damage to the pergola and Jeannette confirmed that they had.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting of the Association will be on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at the ReEconomy building.

**Action:** Dave to reserve room (**DONE**)

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**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> June 2016

**Invoice number:** 001/Tot/LG/15-16

**Your ref:** n/a

**To:** Leechwell Garden Association  
Mr D Mitchell, Leechwell Cottage, Leechwell Street, Totnes TQ9 5SY

**For:** Project co-ordination and development, Leechwell Garden Play Structure

2015 November 13 hrs

December 9 hrs

2016 February 3 hrs

March 5 hrs

**Amount:** 30 hours @ £25/hour

**Total:** £750.00

**Amount now due: £750.00**

**For BACS payment:**

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Mr D Mitchell, Leechwell Cottage, Leechwell Street, Totnes TQ9 5SY

**For:** Project procurement and implementation, Leechwell Garden Play Structure  
2016 March 4 hrs

**Amount:** 4 hours @ £25/hour

**Total:** £100.00

**Amount now due: £100.00**

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