

MINUTES FOR LEECHWELL GARDEN ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING
1st November 2022 in the REconomy Centre

PRESENT: Sue Holmes (Chair), David Mitchell (Secretary), Paul Church (Treasurer), Roma Church, David Martin, Shirley Prendergast, Robert Vint

1. APOLOGIES: Lu Overy

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES: the minutes of the meeting on 4th October 2022 were approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Paul noted that due to his recent house move he had not progressed the insurance issue. Robert mentioned that if we joined TCV's **Community Network** we could then use their ZURICH Insurance. Subsequently Dave noted that we had used this back in 2013 when aligned with the Totnes Trust, but subsequently gave it up because it was too expensive

4. WILDLIFE GARDEN UPDATE

Keith had sent an email explaining that lack of funds meant little progress had been made, but he expected they (Park Life) should be up and running soon and would push on with the survey and lottery application.

5. NOTICEBOARD UPDATE

Despite her injury, Shirley had produced a draft of the text for the noticeboard. We need to identify which photos we already have and which new ones are needed. The graphic work will be done by SHDC and paid for out of the lottery grant.

It was agreed that rather than clutter the noticeboard with prohibitions ("No Dogs" etc) which need to be in large type to be noticed it would be better to have three prohibitory notices – one at each gate,

6. MAINTENANCE

Sue noted that the compost bins will need replacing before too long. David, who made them, said he was unable to do it again so we will need to either buy new plastic ones or get some wooden ones made. Sue and Ernesto have trimmed the hedge in the upper meadow so it is more visible from outside. Sue had also cleared the lower, circular pool which has newts in it!

7. SHDC

Paul Chambers of SHDC has repaired the water pipe in the pool area and has plans to repair the main gate so it will close properly.

8. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Due to moving house Paul currently has no internet access to the LGA bank account but should have it back shortly. Dave noted that the LGA has received £45.77 in donations via PayPal (actually £48 less £2.23 in charges).

9. AOB

David noted that we need to register at SHDC if we want our brown bin emptied regularly next year.

Sue had received an email from the WI about their idea to maintain a piece of land in memory of Queen Elizabeth and wondered if the LGA was interested. They have since said that they are unable to proceed with the idea.

Robin Lacey is interested in doing some art work related to water – Sue will invite him to the AGM next month so he can tell us more.

Totnes Town Council wants to promote cycling by providing more cycle racks. These need to be lockable (unlike those outside the garden). They have a budget for green travel so they might be prepared to provide some at the garden.

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10. NEXT MEETING: the next meeting will be the AGM on Tuesday December 13th, it will be held at Leechwell Cottage and will be followed by a party (partners welcome).

The AGM should not last more than 15 minutes since the main purpose is to elect new officers and committee. Note that Sue is standing down as chair though she is prepared to continue on the committee.