

MINUTES FOR LEECHWELL GARDEN ASSOCIATION MEETING
Thursday 28th January 2010 4.30pm, Leechwell Cottage

PRESENT: Ed Vidler (Chair) Jeannette Willington, David Mitchell, Janet Mitchell, Robert Vint, Jim Carfrae, Wendy Reid, Shirley Prendergast (Sec) Thanks to Dave and Janet for venue and hospitality.

1. APOLOGIES: Sue Holmes, Jackie Francis, Alex Whish
2. MINUTES of LGA MEETING January 8th 2009: agreed
3. MATTERS ARISING:

3:7 Euclypt trunks- two large ones left in the garden. JC noted that this wood will be OK for play purposes, but Mike Jones still needs to be consulted over size. If not useful they will be removed during 1st stage works. **SH will be taking this up with MJ.**

3.9 Pool- see 7 below.

3.12 Jeannette responded to Evan Pugh's enquiry re Friends membership- 60 at present, plus 15 volunteers for active work in the garden. No fee is charged for membership. JW is letting members know that (subject to positive archaeology report see 7 below) work is starting on the garden on Monday 1st February. **Action JW**

4. LGA MEETING WITH HEATHWAY RESIDENTS, 23RD JAN 2010.

Dave and Ed reported on meeting and noted Sue's email reply to residents sent on 25th January. It was decided that the *following possibilities be passed on to Alex Whish of SHDC and discussed at the next Partnership meeting:*

- Where possible, with agreement of SHDC, the hedge height be raised and more trees planted on lawn boundary
- That lower play area be moved further away from houses
- That additional and mature trees be added to the garden and to boundary for which additional funding will have to be found (if SH agree to this, to ask Gillian Pugh to do this in association with JW).
- That Heath Way residents should assess whether the terraced area behind houses should remain as it is or become a slope as originally designed by SHDC.
- That Mark Chapman's proposal- that Phase 1 timing of work on lower path and two sets of linking steps be reassessed- would be passed on to SHDC.

The LGA invite Residents to submit collective views in writing before LGA meetings and will invite Phillip Warnes as an observer to next LGA meeting with view to him joining LGA at later date. **SH to write.**

5. SHDC LETTER TO HEATH WAY RE ACCESS.

We are awaiting resident's reply.

6. INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS.

27th January meeting with the contractors for the site (South West Highways) attended by Alex Whish, CR, DM and SP. Noted that subject to agreement of DCC Archaeology (ie so long as nothing of interest found in investigation trenches) work will begin on Monday Feb 1st and should be completed by end of March.

7. MEETING WITH ENGLISH HERITAGE AND DCC ARCHAEOLOGY.

21st January, 2.30pm, attended by Ross Kennerley, SP. Agreed that the contextual setting of pool area to be slightly extended and some detail within it to be re-negotiated on advice from EH. **Awaiting more detail from EH**

DCC advised two areas of exploratory archaeological trenching be done in garden where deeper levels will be disturbed by construction work. Trenching to be completed during week of Monday 25 Jan (6 above)

Work on permissions for SMC to go ahead ASAP. **(EV and SHDC to follow up with Shane Maddison)**

8. PRESS RELEASE.

Regarding PR on starting work on the garden, Ed advises that LGA use Marianne ?? who already does PR work for the Trust. Surrounding residents must also be informed about work beginning on the garden. **EV to follow up with SHDC.**

9. REVISED DRAWINGS

Jim has already done one update to garden design plans but will need to slightly adapt re EH comments (7 above). **Jim will do this and record all amendments to master plan.**

10. PROCUREMENT.

Public Art group are progressing well with quotes for gates pergola and benches. Janet reported that several artists have expressed interest in doing something for the garden (including an internationally renowned local artist, possibly at a price well below their normal fee). It was agreed to check with Community Spaces that individual items costing less than 10K do not require 3 quotes to be provided. **EV to check this in notes from CS meeting at Guildhall.**

11. COMMUNITY SPACES APPLICATION.

Jackie Francis has drafted a letter to CS asking for extension of deadline until the end of April. **Agreed to send this- EV.**

Agreed that we need a special meeting to discuss SC application to which JF be invited. **Action ???**

12 AOB.

Noted that owing to volume of LGA work at the moment, distributing the questionnaire will be put back until *mid March. Gill Dunne has offered to do the analysis as she did before. This will allow results to be included in CS application deadline for the end of April. **Shirley and Wendy will organise this together. (*SORRY I MISTAKENLY SAID FEB HERE)**

It was agreed that in future the LGA formally agree minutes of past meeting at the next LGA meeting BEFORE MINUTES ARE SENT OUT MORE WIDELY ????

13. PARTNERSHIP MEETING.

Jim to arrange, possibly Feb 12th

14. NEXT LGA MEETING

8th February, 3pm at Janet and David Mitchell's house.