

## Jesus Green Association

Committee meeting of 13th July 2012 at 23 New Square: minutes

Present: Peter Constable, Anthony Bowen, John Lawton, Martin Thompson

Apologies: Blake Alcott, George Hill, Jo Morrison, Richard Price

1. Minutes of 8 May were accepted.
2. C/ee noted the minutes of Jesus Green Working Group of 29 May; PC, AB and GH attended. Part I concerned Caesarian Sunday, which had happened, and Suicide Sunday, then yet to come. PC commended the contributions of the Dean of Jesus College, of the police and of Council officers. In the event, Suicide Sunday went well. Interested parties should meet early next spring in preparation for Caesarian Sunday; the Dean would be working on the college aspect meanwhile.
3. On 26 June the Mayor, supported by children from Park Street School, opened the new tennis courts. The surface is reported good and the fencing is discreet. The prolonged wet weather prevents comment on the surviving grass courts. PC and AB attended the opening; Cambridge News published pictures.
4. Tenders for refurbishment of the Children's Play Area were due on 9 July. The work would be done in the winter. Committee would be happy with a possible small extension of the area.
5. Barbecue damage and littering both seemed less, and the reduction not due to the poor weather alone. Signage about barbecues was still not satisfactory, however.
6. Thanks to BA's persistent work, Jesus Ditch was cleaner of unwanted items than usual., but a schedule for regular dredging was needed.
7. Work on the pool's Leylandii and on singling the memorial trees by Lower Park Street remained to be done.
8. For the Beer Festival, a sump had been dug in the wettest ground and a pump attached, to good effect. This might be an economical way forward with the drainage problem. There was no news on the Hammerhead, except that a wider gateway on Victoria Avenue might be desirable.
9. The Beer Festival, Strawberry Fair and the Race for Life had all gone off well.
10. Committee considered HLF's rejection of the revised bid for funds, and noted PC's statement on its behalf. It felt no further such bid could be made. All those who had helped were thanked. HLF would meet Council officers and us on 11 July for feedback. How to proceed would be discussed at the next Jesus Green Working Group meeting; c/ee favoured work on the Rouse Ball Pavilion as lead project, and noted that the City Council had committed £350,000 in support of the HLF bid.
11. RP reported an unchanged balance of £221.43. As the City Council was offering grants to cover the premium, he was asked to go ahead with getting JGA insurance for members' activities on the Green.
12. Next meeting: Tuesday 25 September, place to be arranged.

Peter Constable (chairman)