

Jesus Green Association

Minutes of Committee meeting of 10 June 2013 at 23 New Square

Present: George Hill (vice-chair & acting chair), Anthony Bowen, Peter Constable, John Lawton, Jo Morrison, Richard Price. Apologies: Blake Alcott

1. Minutes of 9 January were accepted. The inquorate meeting of 18 March was noted.
2. Matters arising: i) at the Council's scrutiny meeting of 17 January £95k up to £119k was agreed for drainage of Jesus Green and £100k with a further £85k up to £109k was agreed for development of the Rouse Ball pavilion. Cllr Reiner, new executive councillor, will write to the Senior Bursar of Trinity College to explore a college contribution (the original estimate for repairing or rebuilding the pavilion came to c. £450k). ii) The Beer Festival began in fine weather but ended in wet; vehicles made deep ruts which have not been repaired. JM would ask to see the report on drainage. iii) Sometime Cllr Sarah Whitebread's bid for money for the paths had not been successful.
3. Councillors and officers were inundated with requests from Residents' Associations and others for meetings similar to those of the Jesus Green Working Group. C/ee agreed to ask for two a year and attendance of appropriate councillors and officers at the AGM, at which the projects for the year could be set.
4. Caesarian Sunday had passed off without trouble thanks both to a good attendance of police and council staff on the Green on the day and to considerable preparation by colleges, university, council and police. PC was thanked for his work on this; he had praised the work of Dr Garth Wells, dean of Jesus College. Cllr Reiner was in contact with the police about the much lesser problem of Suicide Sunday.
5. RP, hon. treasurer, reported a balance of £ 132.99. C/ee agreed he should seek a Council grant of £100 to cover our public liability insurance, membership of CPPF and AGM room hire. £60 was contributed at the AGM; JL was encouraged to make PayPal donation possible.
6. The work of the Lock gardeners had been noted and admired.
7. Work on the pool hedge had been completed, and the memorial tree had been singled.
8. The tennis courts had notices in place advising people not to play more than 45 minutes if others were waiting. The flowerbeds proposed outside them were perhaps not necessary.
9. Consultation on the enlarged children's play area was under way (work on it had been held up by bad weather). C/ee endorsed all the proposals with one reservation: if parents objected to the barbecue area it should not be pursued. PC would reply in the c/ee's name.
10. Items to put before the next JGWG meeting are the Rouse Ball pavilion, paths and lights, drainage, the hammerhead, and bins and the frequency of their clearance. These are items now of long standing, but some items no longer are, and barbecue offences are fewer. The ingenuity of excuse from those reproached is greater, however.
11. DoNM: Wednesday 4 September at 6.30 p.m., place to be agreed.

George Hill (acting chairman)