

Jesus Green Association

Committee meeting of 13 March 2012 at 7 Park Parade: minutes

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

Apologies: Richard Price, Jo Morrison.

1. Minutes of the meeting of 12 January 2012 were accepted.
2. HLF bid: AB reported that he with Alistair Wilson and Sarah Tovell had met HLF officers Robyn Llewellyn and Kate Fry on 2 February (as already minuted), and that he and MT had met AW and ST on 27 February to finalise the revised bid. It met comments from HLF by withdrawing proposals for the pool (HLF could not deal with institutions with an entry fee), by increasing the Council's contribution as a proportion of the reduced bid (from section 106 moneys) and by concentration on the community role of a revamped Rouse Ball Pavilion. The total bid was now for £1.3 million, of which the Council would find £350,000. C/ee hoped it would succeed, despite Jesus Green not being in an area of deprivation. Work should emerge by early June. PC congratulated AB and MT on their work. Cllr Cantrill was reported willing to write to the Senior Bursar of Trinity College about the Pavilion in due course.
3. RP reported by email a balance of £221.43 (unchanged from last time).
4. Cllr Reiner had re-opened the matter of cleaning Jesus Ditch. It was in the bid, under bio-diversity; its concrete banking might be replaced by something more natural. Jesus College (information received after the meeting) had arranged for the City pest officer to lay poisoned bait for the rats in residence on their side and had changed arrangements for collecting food waste from Lower Park Street houses. It remained to be seen what the effect was.
5. Two cheers were raised for the disappearance of the old Bowls Pavilion. The area would be reseeded at the same time as work on the new grass courts was done. Work on the Tennis Courts would start in March. Park Parade residents would be sent letters about it; the works entry would be by La Mimosa.
6. The brief for the Children's Play Area was with the City's Project team. There would be consultation with JGA, Park Street School and other interested parties. Full delivery could not be expected this summer but some new pieces had arrived.
7. Signs were to be changed. Instead of No Fires, we might get No Barbecues (except in designated areas). The mushrooms were to be replaced as soon as possible. JGA would like to see a draft of the new signs.
8. Contractors hired to top the pool hedge had declared the ground too wet. The nesting season now intervened.
9. A list of events would be published. PC praised the organisers of the recent half-Marathon for their speed and efficiency on the Green, and had asked ST to pass his congratulations on.
10. Paths, lights and entrances remained in the bid, but there were no details to report.
11. There was no word on the hammerhead.
12. The search for the perfect litter-bin continues. Cllr Reiner was investigating whether collections could be more frequent at busy times.
13. JL would update the website shortly. He produced material once held by Jack Grove as secretary.
14. At the last West/Central area committee MT had asked about frequency of tree watering in the drought. AW said it could be weekly, not fortnightly, and that water could be drawn from the Cam.
15. AB has the key to the JGA noticeboard.
16. A date for the next meeting of the Jesus Green working group would be proposed by ST.
17. DoNM: Tuesday 8 May at 6.0 p.m., place to be announced.

Peter Constable (chairman)