

Jesus Green Association

Committee meeting of 3 May 2011 at 86 de Freville Avenue: Minutes

Present: Anthony Bowen, Peter Constable (chair), Jeremy Purseglove, Martin Thompson
Apologies: Jo Morrison, Richard Price

1. Minutes of 5 April were accepted. Also available were MT's 'April update' for the JG noticeboard and Sarah Tovell's minutes of the JG working group meeting of 18 April.

2. Matters arising. AB reported progress on the idea that the Landmark Trust might be interested in the Lock cottage; he was creating a meeting of the Director of LT and Pip Noon of Cam Conservators. JP would like to keep at least part of the cottage to serve as the kiosk: negotiations should proceed with that in mind as our position; he knew LT's finance man, and negotiations might take some time. AB reported no response from EDF; he hoped Alistair Wilson was pursuing them. Three barbecue mushrooms were in place, following ST's walkabout with c/ee members on 26 April, but no information accompanied them explaining their purpose. The Council are to prepare notices and leaflets urgently.

3. PC commented on ST's very full and helpful minutes reported above. The continuing ambiguity of the pool's part in the HLF bid was noted; while maintenance of the paths was reasonably not likely to attract HLF support, remaking, realigning and relighting at least the Plane tree avenue could; 'improved river access' looked like a repeat of an earlier idea not greatly favoured by us then.

4. HLF bid: Next meetings of the working group were on 9 May at 10.30 in the Council chamber and on 31 May at 10.30 in c/ee room 2. AW was to be pressed on his progress under various headings. As the Skatepark, Children's playground, Tennis courts and Bowls pavilion demolition were not items for the bid but were more generally a contribution to the whole, progress on them would be monitored separately. PC would ask JM to produce a design for the hub (Lock cottage, Rouse pavilion, kiosk/no kiosk and no EDF sub-station) to further formation of the bid.

5. RP reported no change in the finances: we had £258.35.

6. AOB: PC reported an abuse of the Green committed on 1 May by students and ex-students principally from Jesus and Girton Colleges (they call it 'Caesarian Sunday'). Local families had been driven off the Green in fear and disgust; next day it took five council workmen three hours and forty sacks to clear up; a special machine was brought in to deal with broken glass; PC had himself assisted. The police appeared to be few and helpless. He had been in touch with the Deans of the two colleges, the Council and Cllr Rod Cantrill, and the media; the Daily Mail had splashed it. AB recalled a similar incident a few years ago which had led the Master of Jesus to remonstrate by letter with ringleaders. In view of 'Suicide Sunday' upcoming, it was agreed to ask the City Council to convene a meeting soon of them, us, the colleges involved and the police, to prevent any recurrence of the outrage. AB would prepare a text for PC's use.

7. Next meeting: 6.0 p.m. on Thursday 2 June at 7 Park Parade.

Peter Constable (chairman)