

## Jesus Green Association

Minutes of the AGM of 6 December 2011 in the Wesley Church at 7.30 p.m.

1. The Chairman, Peter Constable, welcomed the 24 people present, who included seven committee members and two City councillors, Tim Bick and Andrea Reiner. Committee members briefly introduced themselves.
2. There were no apologies.
3. The minutes both of the AGM of 3 December 2010 and of the Special General Meeting of 27 July 2011 were approved and signed. There were no matters arising.
4. PC noted that the AGM needed 20% of JGA members present to be quorate; the quorum was comfortably exceeded. He noted also that funds depended on subscriptions (£2 per head) and donations.
5. As no new names to serve either as officers or on the committee had been put forward, PC proposed in accordance with notice given that the existing limit of three years for holding an office should be extended to five. This adjustment to clause 5 of the JGA constitution was agreed nem. con. He, Martin Thompson and Richard Price were then re-elected as Chairman, Vice-chairman, and Hon. Treasurer respectively nem. con.; Jo Morrison, Jeremy Purseglove, John Lawton and Anthony Bowen (who represents Jesus College) had already indicated their willingness to continue as committee members. PC noted the virtue of continuity during the HLF bid and its aftermath, but observed that successors would be needed some time.
6. RP presented his Treasurer's report. The deficit on the year was £37.14, an improvement on last year's deficit of £182.91; there was a balance of £143.17. The report was accepted, and he and Victoria Zeitlyn (Hon. Inspector) were thanked for their work.
7. David Edgar reported on his work with two others on the Jesus Lock gardens. The Cam Conservators, who own the land, had funded some plants and bulbs; varieties favoured were those which stayed long in leaf or flower. Members voiced their appreciation of the much improved appearance of the gardens.
8. JL reported on his updating and publishing of the committee's activities and the making of email lists for easier communication. A Twitter address was being used by some 35 'followers'. Those present were urged to sign the register and give their email addresses. PC thanked him for making his expertise available to JGA and for acting as Hon. Secretary.
9. PC expanded on his short Chairman's report which was available on the agenda. The result of the HLF bid was due in a week; Sarah Tovell for the City Council had been in negotiation with the HLF people; the main items held their place (chiefly paths, drainage and the Rouse Ball pavilion), but though at the SGM members had voted to add the Pool, HLF could not fund an item already receiving income: the Pool had been removed from the bid, and the generator which could have served it might also go. The position of the kiosk was also in question. The Pool remained an item in the master plan (a copy was on show: only some of the items on the master plan were part of the HLF bid); development would now depend on funds from the Council. Work on the Tennis Courts was out to tender. The refurbished Skatepark was a great success, in appearance and in the use being made of it. The Play area had as yet no date for its refurbishment (Cllr Reiner, who chairs Jesus Green working party meetings,

thought it was only a few months away). The Bowls pavilion was at last close to demolition. Barbecue scars were fewer, perhaps thanks to the provision (temporary) of concrete mushrooms. Jesus Ditch lacked water (probably because of the lack of rain), and should be dredged; the efforts of Blake Alcott, committee member, to remove alien matter were noted, and there were volunteers to help with such work. Shape, size, number, position and emptying of litter bins remained a problem, especially at peak times in summer; a rapid solution would not come if the Council took a city-wide approach.

10. PC invited comment from the floor. Matters raised included paths, the ditch, litter bins, 'Cyclists dismount' notices, tree planting and lights, the last two being discussed at length. Councillors undertook to pass on praise of those who cleaned the Green and Cllr Reiner agreed to pursue Balfour Beatty, who have the County's contract for street lighting throughout Cambridgeshire. She would also look for a 'Green Clean' day, enquire about tree maintenance and work needed on a memorial tree, and look into progress on the bin survey, Jesus Ditch dredging and the urgent demolition of the Bowls pavilion.

11. PC closed the meeting at c. 9.00 p.m.

Peter Constable (chairman)