

**MINUTES FOR LEECHWELL GARDEN ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018 6pm at the REconomy Centre**

**PRESENT:** David Mitchell (Chair), Frances Gillmore, Jeannette Willington, Marsha Cummings, Lu Overy, Pete Taylor

**1. APOLOGIES:** Keith Rennells, David Martin, Shirley Prendergast, Marisia Willoughby, Jim Carfrae

**2. MINUTES:** The minutes of the meeting of the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018 were approved.

**3. MATTERS ARISING:**

At Jeannette's request Dave had checked that the solar-powered watering system was working properly. Jeannette reported that the rowan tree had been successfully planted. The two replacement trees had also been planted and Dave will be sending the invoices to Rob Sekula at SHDC for reimbursement.

**Action:** Dave to email Rob.

**4. SUSIE'S GATE**

Since the last meeting John Churchill had provided two more designs and an estimate of the likely cost (£6000-7000 + VAT). Dave and Pete had been in touch with Spencer Field Larcombe, who is will be visiting the garden this week and should produce some designs within the next week or so which will be distributed to the committee. It was agreed that we should set a target maximum cost of £4000 (any higher and likely donors might feel it was too expensive).

While it might not be possible to have a new gate installed to coincide with a fund-raising Spring Event (plant sales etc) in May, it was agreed that we should not postpone the Spring Event, but hold a separate Gate Opening Event later if necessary.

**5. HEDGE-LAYING**

Keith had contacted Alice Wood who thinks it a bit early and could not do the job in any case. Keith will be meeting another hedge layer, Dean Price, next week. He felt that if we have to postpone the laying we should trim the front side of the hedge as a voluntary activity. He thinks we can still press on with tidying the fenced off pool area and suggests an on-site meeting to discuss both.

**Action:** Keith to keep us informed

**6. LITTLE FREE LIBRARY PROPOSAL**

All agreed that we should ask the Little Free Library group to install one in the garden. We agreed to ask Nick Cheshire of LFL to come to the garden in the near future to decide where to site it (either on a post near the plant table or on the wall beside the gate). We can also discuss its decoration with him.

**Action:** Shirley to contact Nick C

**7. SHDC TASKS**

Keith reported that Richard Ellingham has requested a top up of the sand pit and repairs to the pergola, but no action yet. Keith Will chase up. David Martin has produced details (areas and lengths) of the work needed to resurface the paths (see attached) and Keith will use them to provide a spec to send to SHDC.

**Action:** Keith to send spec to SHDC

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**AOB:**

Keith reported that Earth Wrights have agreed to drill holes in the wobbly belt to allow rainwater to drain away. They will also replace some of the post save sleeves. Date to be fixed.

David Martin has agreed to reinstate the blackboard on the wall by the main gate. He has also agreed to renovate the herb garden benches by washing with detergent and/or rubbing them down with fine sandpaper.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Committee meeting will be on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018 at the REconomy building, starting at 6pm.

**Action:** Dave to reserve room (**DONE**)

**David Martin's Estimated dimensions of footpaths for resurfacing work**

**Paths surfaced with bound gravel chippings**

Area outside main (car park) gate:	13 sq.metres
Area inside main gate:	36 sq.metres
Path up to small gate and benches	7 sq.metres
Path from start of pergola to bridge	47 sq.metres
Path from bridge to Three Guardians	20 sq.metres
Junction at Three Guardians	8 sq.metres
Path up to pool area gate	22 sq.metres

**Total surface area** **153 sq.metres**

Provisional specification: Aggregate for paths to be crushed Devon pink limestone size 10mm-dust, laid to minimum thickness of 25mm on prepared sub-base with new timber edgings (where required) and cross-falls to aid drainage.

**Paths surfaced with bark chippings**

From lower pool round to play structure, plus branch past shed to top of lower steps.

Total length: 70 metres

Average width: 0.85 metres

**Total surface area: 60 sq.metres**

Approx depth of chippings: 100mm

**Edging for all paths**

Some stretches of existing timber edging strip have deteriorated and may need to be replaced prior to laying new surface.

**Approx total length of existing edging strip: 280 metres**