

LEECHWELL GARDEN ASSOCIATION - POOL PROJECT

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 24th April 2013 at Totnes Fire Station.

1. Present; David Mitchell; Roma Church; Shirley Prendergast; David Martin; Liz Warnes; Jeannette Willington; Jim Carfrae

Apologies: Susan Taylor; David Martin; Robert Vint; Catherine Munro; Keith Rennells;

2. Minutes of the previous meeting: the minutes of the last Pool Group meeting (held on 27th March 2013) were agreed.

3. Matters Arising

Jeannette has spoken with Fran Benatt about a spout for the pool and Fran has agreed to produce some small models of possible designs which she will show to Jeannette (possibly this coming weekend). Fran knows that the spout needs to be frost-resistant and last at least 5 years.

Progress to Date:

4. Drawings for the pool area

Andrew has started work on the drawings and has offered to produce drawings for the steps layout if we could agree to pay him £150 for the work (in total). After consultation with Ed, Dave agreed he should go ahead.

5. Costings for hard landscaping, planting, seats and the inlet pipe

Dave and David met with Sebastian Kelly who has agreed to produce estimates for the main hard landscaping (excluding the pool surround itself). It was agreed that we would not look for alternative estimates until we see what Sebastian offers. Shirley pointed out that we will need a self-closing gate - Jim suggested using a simple weight system (like that at Sharpham Drive).

Jeannette had done some research on seats and had been in contact with Woodmanship (woodmanship.co.uk) who can produce rustic benches at a reasonable cost (£800 or less).

Jeannette had also investigated possible birch tree suppliers such as the Mythic Garden near Chagford who could provide 3 suitable trees for less than £100. The crab apple we need would cost around £25.

Shirley pointed out that we would need to allow for the cost of preparing the soil and possibly help with the planting.

6. Knotweed

Following Liz's recent email, Shirley had located a specialist company - Environet (see Environetuk.com) who will eradicate knotweed with a 20 year guarantee. They are however expensive (£100+ for a visit to estimate what's required). It was agreed that we should wait a few weeks until it's clear whether the new shoots around the pool actually are knotweed).

Liz pointed out that it could spread to Dave's garden and we might use the risk of this as a lever to get SHDC to take the matter more seriously.

7. Display for the May Fair

Dave said he still had the two DOS screens on which plans and drawings could be displayed - if the weather is fine near the pool area or if not in a gazebo. He also mentioned that he was buying an A3 printer which would let us print A3 versions of plans, drawings and photos. Jim agreed to send an A3 PDF of the pool area to Dave so that he could print some for Shirley to work on.

Andrew Rathbone should be able to provide the drawings in plenty of time and we'd expect Sebastian's estimates and Fran's models to be available too.

7. AOB

Nothing to report.

NEXT MEETING:

6pm, Wednesday 29th May, Totnes Fire Station (Pool Project Meeting)