

## Jesus Green Association

Special General meeting held at the Wesley Methodist Church at 7.30 p.m. on 27 July 2011

Present: of JGA c/ee Peter Constable (chair), Anthony Bowen, Jo Morrison, Martin Thompson; Cllrs Damien Tunnacliffe of the City Council and Sarah Whitebread of the County; Sarah Tovell, City officer; 12 other members of JGA; a good dozen more

Apologies: of the c/ee Richard Price & Jeremy Purseglove; Cllrs Cantrill, Bick, Rosenstiel and Reiner (a message of support from Cllr Bick for the work of JGA was read out by the chairman); Liz House & Dan O'Donovan

1. Chairman welcomed those present and noted the attendance of Adam Luke from Cambridge News.
2. Members of the committee introduced themselves.
3. Chairman drew attention to committee's lack of a secretary (he had recently gone to a job in London) and consequent neglect of the website, and appealed for help. Help with the website was volunteered after the meeting.
4. Chairman recalled events since a bid for Heritage Lottery (HL) funding failed in 2009; an SGM of JGA declined to support it but established what it would support. Committee had worked with the City Council in accordance with the resolutions of that SGM and of the two AGMs since, and now sought approval for proceeding to the first stage of a new bid. Chairman went through the draft of section 3 (copies were on all seats), with comments en route and a reminder of the criteria for a bid, to which AB and MT added; ST set out the dates and stages of a bid, and noted the need for wider consultation in due course.
5. Chairman invited contributions from those present. Many spoke, and much was clarified. The hammerhead entry from Victoria Avenue might get section 106 funding and might not be part of the bid, just as the refurbishment of the skatepark and the children's play area, the new arrangement of tennis courts and removal of the bowls pavilion were not: HL people had conceded the need to get on with these immediately because of delays due to consultation, tendering and the need for good weather access, but they were part of the overall plan for the Green. 'Pervasive technology', queried, was exemplified in work done for Mill Road cemetery in cooperation with the Open University and others. Increased use of the Green, desired by HL people but questioned, could come from drainage of the area north of the plane tree avenue. The City was in touch with the County over the plane tree avenue (paths and lights are a County responsibility): width, camber, surface material and drainage were all being addressed (JM's designs were available on screens at the back of the room, together with designs for other items). Dick Baxter, co-chairman of Friends of Midsummer Common, noted that Section 106 money might be available from the Berkeley Homes development, but not, he requested, to Midsummer Common's loss! A suggestion to make the Jesus Lock bridge and its approaches easier for cyclists was not agreed. The old bandstand area could be recreated. Several people urged that the Pool be part of the bid in some greater way: HL would like that, but it could raise the sum of money requested considerably, and consultation with Friends of the Pool must be carried out urgently (the lease expires in 2013); ST said that a split bid could be made.
6. It was resolved, first by the members of JGA present (all 16 in favour) and then by all present (*nem. con.*), that JGA continue to work with the City Council in preparing a bid as set out in section 3. It was further resolved, by all present (*nem. con.* with some abstentions), that the Pool be part of the bid to a greater degree.

Peter Constable (chairman)