

Jesus Green Association

Committee meeting of 29 October 2012 at 23 New Square: minutes

Present: Peter Constable, Anthony Bowen, George Hill, Richard Price.

There were no apologies.

1. Minutes of 25 September were accepted. There were no matters arising not on the agenda.
2. PC reported conversation with Sarah Tovell: at the pool Leylandii were mostly gone and new hedging would be planted soon; the memorial tree by the Lower Park Street gates really would soon be singled, and three others near it should go too (GH asked for a map of plantings on the Green); consultation on the children's play area was delayed for a month but execution of the project should not be delayed; signs to control use of the tennis courts were made but in store; mowing of the 'rough' areas by Victoria Avenue had much improved them; barbecue notices were in preparation; the hammer-head desired for the Victoria Avenue entrance languished (funding from section 106 moneys might be needed); there was no news on the Rouse Ball pavilion, bins, benches and Jesus ditch.
3. PC also reported County Council interest in new lighting and repair of the Plane Tree avenue. C/ee noted that the Council had handed over its duties for lighting to Balfour Beatty, not a firm renowned for aesthetic sensibility. Concern for lights and path was welcome, but there should be tripartite discussion involving JGA and the City Council as soon as possible. Care for the tree roots was the top priority: how deep and how wide would new foundations for the path go? Would new conduits be needed for the lighting? Would the existing historic lights be preserved? Would proper drainage be installed on the north-east side of the avenue? This should be an item for the next Jesus Green working group (9 November) and for the AGM (5 December).
4. RP reported a balance of £123.51. Renewal of our public liability insurance cost £57 (PC urged a question to the City Council about this), £40 renewed our subscription to Cambridge Past Present and Future (AB had attended its AGM) and David Edgar had spent £5.81 on plants for the Lock garden. Payment for a room for the AGM was soon due: at the AGM, RP would draw attention to our annual expenditure. C/ee approved both his expenses (£21.60) and his reimbursement in that sum. C/ee also approved the substitution of George Hill's name for that of Martin Thompson as one of three names for signing cheques (the other two are RP and John Cooper). RP was thanked for his work.
5. The AGM is on Wednesday 5 December, from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. in the Octagon room of the Wesley Methodist Church. PC listed last year's agenda; an item on the Lock garden was added. Notice of the AGM must go out by 14 November. PC would prepare the text and put a notice on the noticeboard on the Green, RP and GH would put up laminated notices inside and outside all the entrances to the Green, AB would alert councillors and John Lawton would be asked to inform the website and to e-mail all members.
6. Next committee meeting: Wednesday 9 January 2013, at 23 Portugal Street, courtesy of RP.

Peter Constable (chairman)