

Jesus Green Association

Committee Meeting of 23 November 2011 at 23 Portugal Street

Present: Peter Constable, Richard Price, Martin Thompson, John Lawton and Jo Morrison.

Apologies: Anthony Bowen and Jeremy Purseglove

1. Minutes of the last meeting were accepted.
2. JG Working Group: PC reported on the last JG working group (JGWG).
 - The JGWG was shown a design for a hammerhead which was large enough for a lorry to park on but not to turn. There will be two gates onto JG from Victoria Avenue and the opening will be widened to 6m, but generally only one gate will be used – so the opening will be 3m wide in normal circumstances unless large lorries need access.
 - The skateboard park is going well and the grass is largely established – though there are areas of wear.
 - The play area works will start in spring 2012.
 - The water level in Jesus Ditch is low. Blake has stopped clearing litter from the ditch pending the outcome of the insurance question. It is not known why the water is low.
 - JGA insurance has been renewed for this year. JGA will look into a group insurance policy funded by CCC for all volunteer groups connected with JG.
 - The changes to the tennis courts have been granted planning permission and the works are out to tender currently.
 - The bowls pavilion is all ready to be demolished (services cut off). Currently awaiting photographic recording by CCC and then demolition can take place.
 - CCC is seeking costs to dredge Jesus Ditch.
 - The question of bins, benches and other street furniture is currently under consideration.
3. HLF Bid:
 - The inclusion of the swimming pool in the HLF bid is causing difficulties because the HLF does not normally fund facilities that the public already pays for. This could jeopardise the bid. However it is hoped that the HLF will accept that the pool should be included in the masterplan for the development bid because it is such an important element of JG but that it would not be included in the full bid. The HLF may not fund the development costs of the proposals after the development bid because of this but if so, CCC may fund this. HLF should give a decision soon. There is a meeting with CCC on 6th January 2012 to discuss this.
 - If bid is successful, CCC would carry out full public consultation on the proposals.
 - Full bid would be submitted in one year: much work to do to prepare this.
 - General support for the proposals for the Rouse Ball Pavilion.
4. Insurance: Public liability insurance is required to cover the AGM at the Wesleyan Methodist Church. It currently costs £45 per meeting. It is not clear currently what JGA insurance covers. Committee to read policy to understand more fully what is covered. As mentioned above, PC to explore joint policy for all volunteer activity.
5. Web site: the web site is in good working order: many thanks to John Lawton for doing such a sterling job on this very important element of the JGA and also for getting the past minutes onto the website.
6. Secretary: many thanks too to Richard Price for temporarily assuming the role of secretary of the JGA.
7. AGM: to be held on 6th December 2011. Richard to prepare paper notices to be laminated for the entrances to JG and reminder emails to be sent to JGA members. JM to print out some drawings for the meeting.
8. Accounts: thanks to Victoria Zeitlyn for checking the JGA accounts. There is £160.17 in the current account.
9. Next meeting: 9th January 2012, location TBA.