

Committee Meeting held at 19.30 on 19th March 2018 at 84 Makins Road, Henley on Thames

Present:... Doug Richards, Dave McEwen, Peter Anderson, Sharon Oldham, Mike Butcher,
Dave Chilvers, Anne Sandars

1...Apologies:.....Lewis Every, Mandy Taylor, Laura Dance & Sophie Pentecost

2...Minutes of last meeting.....minutes passed as correct.

3...Matters arising from Minutes....none

4..Town Council Matters.

a...Health and Safety. Report on Health & Safety for 2017 will be sent to the Town Clerk by D. McEwen with a request for a meeting to discuss.

b...grass cuttings.. Parks department will try to do 4 cuts per year. Verges + track at Watermans. Track at Greencroft.

c...automatic gate...Dave McEwen has now had received 3 quotes: Camelot Gates, Purdy Gates and Magpie Gates and Automation.

Camelot quoted £2,545 . Add SSE (Electrics) £2,023 for installing mains electrics = £5,000 approx. which is what the Council has apparently budgeted for.

The problems to consider are that the gate posts and supports should be sturdy enough to hold the gate and its frequent opening and closing. The existing gate posts are said to be sagging and not holding the gate properly. Dave Chilvers said that we should find a gate that has posts which will hold it properly and be able to cope with the automatic opening and closing. Doug Richards said that he favoured a sliding gate to eliminate accidents, rather than an ordinary opening gate. Therefore it was suggested that new posts would have to be bought together with a gate. A time clock could also be operated at the weekends to keep the gate open.

The key fobs would be £25 each.

Dave McEwen will write a report summarising the quotes received and information gathered then circulate to give the committee members a chance to put questions.

d....deer....permission is going to be requested for culling at Greencroft. Otherwise it is likely that a deer fence would be needed.

e....ruts....both sites have large ruts on the paths, due to driving of large vehicles (Watermans) and

general car use in Winter (Greencroft). Parks Dept will be consulted about Greencroft which is more complicated before proceeding with a request for scalping.

5...Treasurer...Dave Chilvers gave out a statement of accounts.. £3000 in the account

He also mentioned that there was the possibility of an RHS trip to come when information arrived. There was discussion about the future priorities for spending:

Doug Richards mentioned that a generator for power tools might be a good investment.

Solar panels for the pumps at Greencroft were mentioned and a new store for equipment

6...Watermans...Doug Richards said he had written to Tom Batty s widow from all at the Association.

Tom had been on the Committee and was very well respected at Watermans,

May he Rest in Peace..

- Pat Main was said not to be well at all.. no one has seen him..

PLOTS - Mr FitzPatrick has left and plot relet.

- 2 large water tanks have been asked to be removed, Carls and Nos 19,

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- TO LET... 5 poles x2..... Starter.... X2

- Snowdrops are ready to be planted on the outside bank .Help

needed .

Burst water main at Watermans ... On Saturday 10th March in the morning Doug Richards was down at the site and all was well.

At 4pm (10th March) he was rung to be told that the water main was flowing over the road. He went straight down. In the next 2 hours he tried to get Thames Water and eventually got the Swindon office to answer and they said that they would check it in about 10 hours . No one has been to see it in spite of Louise and Becky at the Town Hall ringing them and it is still flowing as this meeting is taking place.

7...Greencroft...As Lewis was not present, Dave McEwen read Lewis' notes.

- 4 plots vacant.... Tree removed.... Hazel plot tidied...tool box stolen from 49a

- Rubbish, mainly old compost bins, collapsed sheds etc are in the process of being cleared from boundary fence between Greencroft and David Cook's p property. The Town Council have offered to pay for the hire of a small digger and Mr Cook will do the rest of the clearing. There is still the issue of a collapsing section of fence. HTC have said that they will pay for a contractor to restore this.

8...Web Site...Mandy absent..Sharon will be meeting Mandy to discuss usage of the web site

9...Social events..

a.....24th March 2 pm , Wassailing at Greencroft.. organised by Lewis and with a bonfire

b..... 10.30am, Sunday 8th April, practical workshop at Watermans for the U3A and others. Hopefully Mick Blackhall & co will be happy to get involved with this. Sophie & Laura to be asked if they would do coffee & cake ... can Laura email this event out...

c.....2nd June, plant sale in Falaise Square.....Laura email event..
poster on boards of the dates for suggested planting for the event in June.(Anne)

d...14th June, Boat Trip on Hobbs boat.. 7pm boarding for 7.30 leaving..
Anne Sandars to co ordinate this with Peter Herbert and to ask Lynn, caterer for her menu..

e... May Fair.. the Council asked if HAA would like to take part. The committee declined as they want to focus on the Plant Sale on 2nd June.

POSTERS will put up on both sites to advertise these events and emails will be sent out..

10...AOB...EMAILS.... A new Data Protection law will come into force at the end of May 2018..

The Council (controllers) will have to email all on the HAA list to ask the plot holders if they do or do not want to be emailed.. the plot holder being asked has to respond to the council..

Structures...Dave Chilvers to do a notice to go up on both sites.

Chelsea Fringe...Anne Sandars has at long last ! organised with Victoria Newton a venue for flower arrangers at all the Churches in Henley to do flower arrangements at St Marys Church, Henley , from 19th May till the 26th May.. There will be an inaugural Even Song service on Sunday 20th May.

We will be decorating one of the pillars, hopefully with runner beans ! (Sophie and Anne!)

Plant Sale on 2nd June....The Mayors partner is willing to sell hydroponic plants , of chilli, peppers, aubergine, cucumber etc.. He could have a separate stall and then the proceeds will go into one pot and then distributed into three... HAA, Ways and Means (Greenshoots) and Henley in Bloom.

Marisa, says Dave McEwen, is getting better and walking out a bit.. She said she would like to meet up with others at Watermans in June when the weather is better. We were all very pleased to hear this news.

NEXT MEETINGMonday 21st May at 19.30 hrs at 84 Makins Road, Henley.

