

Open Forum/Public time:

- a. Watership Down Nursery requested approval, when damaged chestnut tree is removed and replacement planted, for a 3.5m wooden hexagonal gazebo to be situated between bin store and current tree position. The nursery would like to expand to do more outdoor/forest school holiday work with slightly older children - up to 8 years. The gazebo would be a 'base camp' seating 4 or 5 people. It could also be used by hall hirers. It would have a roof with open upper sides and seating on lower sides and be moveable. The Nursery will pay for it and get it built. The PC discussed. It was thought it wouldn't need planning consent. It was pointed out that the small Millennium Green gazebo is used by older children 'for the wrong reasons'. The Nursery said they would be checking it during week times. If it becomes a focal point they would look at moving it, taking it down and putting it elsewhere. It was felt that as it would be in sight of the road, in a pretty public location, that should deter misuse. There is no timeline at the moment as Nicky is still trying to organise tree removal. PC were in favour. **Action:** Keep nursery updated on tree removal.
- b. Whilst clearing the weeds from the slope behind the LRH ramp the Nursery have uncovered a buried path with 10 steps down to the grass.
- c. A Freefolk Prior's resident reported lots of vehicle tyre marks in the road, after Wells in Field just inside our boundary. They also remarked that the tennis wall plan notification had not been in place and the PC pointed out that the notice was on the rough car park entrance. They queried whether the PC considered the wall was a suitable place for a wall. The PC explained that there had been a tennis wall there already. It was discussed that the wall had been made longer when rebuilt. The resident said they thought the Men's Shed should have been invited to last month's planning meeting but that they hadn't know about it beforehand and that the resident also hadn't known about it till the Feb meeting {Post meeting check 11th Feb Agenda item 10.2: 20/00245/FUL | Increasing height of both existing 2m high tennis practice wall & side netting by 0.75m to 2.75m, Tennis Courts Laverstoke Lane} When queried on the nature of their objection the resident felt it was not a suitable site.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** James Morrison, James Bretel, Andrew White

In attendance: Bob Hough, David Ellis, Jo Probut, Charlie Seligman

2. **Declarations of interest** Bob: Men's Shed, Charlie: PCC, David: PCC & Millennium Green

3. **Signature and approval of minutes** of PC Meeting on 11th Feb 2020.

4. Maintenance Items

- 4.1 Replacement noticeboard **Action:** await nursery signage and then consider placement on LRH building
 - 4.2 PC is awaiting 2 quotes for the LRH steps repair (Rob Faulkner to propose 3 alternative solutions)
 - 4.3 Everest are due to come and quote for replacing big double-glazed window panel at end of March {visit subsequently postponed}
 - 4.4 LRH tree felling application has been sent in
 - 4.5 Rene Leeuwen came and re-fixed down pipes last week and removed leaves/moss
 - 4.6 LRH leaking windows - paint is peeling around the 3rd small window from left and all windows need re-sealing which should not be difficult. Rob Faulkner to quote
 - 4.7 Kingfisher have new leaks, biggest on step down to GRP roof
 - 4.8 Rob Faulkner to fix magnetic door opener tomorrow
5. **Climate Change:** Incinerator campaign not going ahead

6. Community Site Updates

- 6.1 **Men's Shed** – No update, Bob hadn't heard they were complaining about the tennis wall.
- 6.2 **LRH** – has a big roof leak issue. Jo and Les Day (Two Days Roofing) visited Kingfisher where they now have 3 main leaks. The manager also pointed out other problem areas. Up on the roof, mastic has cracked around one roof-light which needs felting. Another metaled area, felted at the edges needs felting/sealing right over. A quote has been received for £250. Another roofer from Whitchurch has also reviewed the whole roof, taking videos and pictures. There are air bubbles, holes and felt is falling away. The roof has no 'fall' on it. Water is pooling in a number of areas where the roof has sunk and water now doesn't reach the drains. It needs replacing, quote received for £37k (probably not unreasonable given the GRP area alone was about £13k). Continuation of the lease with portals needs sorting, depending on end date. The PC should consider fundraising, applying for a grant or some LIF and should consider asking Portals to contribute (lease requires PC to maintain not replace roof). David suggested that the roof is patched initially and then replacement looked at afterwards. Kingfisher could also be asked to contribute according to the terms of their underlease. Bob proposed accepting Les Day's quote and David seconded. All in agreement **Action:** Jo to give go-ahead to Les. Nicky to set up meeting with Philip Denee (Portals).

6.3 **Archery/Tennis area** no further update beyond that in public time

7. **Finance Summary Feb 20** – see below table where items in red are those that have changed over prior month (excluding totals). Amounts over £100 ex VAT:

- 7.1.1 **Income:** Watership Down Nursery rent £672.25; L. McGarrigle £112.50
Outgoing: EON £100; Clerk Pay/News £394.74; B&D SID £1150 (last year's cost + 2 of 6 months of FY20/21), Faulkner £2104.50, CNG £201.18
Internal Transfer of insurance cost to PC from CC £501.57
Balances at 27.2.20: Community Site £45,171.33 and PC £5,041.19
February full monthly report to be included in April meeting minutes.

8. Correspondence

- 8.1 Wheelabrator has withdrawn their incinerator plans

9. Planning

- 9.1 20/00311/LBC & 20/00310/FUL Bombay Sapphire. Install new copper still, demolition internal stair, extension of mezzanine floor to provide access to new still, provision of 1 single louvre panel to elevation of building 14 'Still House'.
- 9.2 20/00312/FUL & 20/00313/LBC additional electric sliding gate to be situated the bus bay end of the site, over the river and between the buildings 22 and 26. Both plans discussed and no comments to be made.

10. AOB - Coronavirus

Luby Hough would like to set up a Calling Tree for older residents in case the coronavirus situation exacerbates. The maths looks horrible. It was agreed that Nicky should help coordinate, with communication through the newsletter. Jo suggested that neighbours should look out for one another.

Next PC meeting: Tues 14th April 2020 at 7.30pm at Lady Rose Hall

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