

c	Signs – Not heard anything back from supplier. Agreed not to correct the spelling error. However wording for caution over slip and trip hazards isn't on the new signs but is still a requirement from the risk assessments. Sign suppliers believed this to be an additional sign. AG to look at potential suppliers. Previous meeting discussed wording again and agreed the following, "Take Care, Un-even and slippery surfaces, steps and paths".	AG
6	Governance	
a	Safeguarding – Policy to be updated to cover minimum age limit for volunteers and dealing with the 'Network' group we have volunteers from.	PC/AG
b	Land Registry name holder. RB reported Land Registry have finally responded and confirmed forms that require completing. RB still needs to get a passport photo and then he will complete paperwork.	RB
c	PC reported he has been reviewing the various governance sites and there are still some possible areas of Governance we need to review/address. PC to forward the financial ones to RB for review.	PC / RB
d	Following the concerns raised over the University art displays this summer it was agreed to create some guidance notes / requirements for any future displays / entertainment ensuring such events are not discriminatory in any way and suitable for viewing by all ages.	PC
7	IT	
a	<u>Liquorice Park email list</u> 147 active subscribers (up by 4). Last e-mail sent had an open rate of 59%.	
b	<u>Website stats (now based on Google analytics)</u> Jan 2024 Unique visitors 110, Pages viewed 742. Feb to Aug 2024 Average Unique visitors / month 180, Ave Pages viewed / month 1200.	
c	Most visited pages in last three months were, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Home Page - Map - History - Find Us - Summer Fete - Contact Us RB reported a local resident has found lots of old photos and will forward them to us once their search is complete. Also indicated they'd author a potential history article of the park/area.	
8	Volunteers	
	AG provided a summary report (attached as Appendix). Potentially we may in the future have additional support for the Network volunteers. We await more information/discussion as to what input may be required from us for obtaining funding.	
9	The Park	
a	Southern Boundary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bus Stop Wall; Work complete. - Low Wall; Need to re-clear the smaller shrubs/ trees. Still intend to investigate the possibility of pulling larger trees down, into wild copse area (winter activity). Will 	

	tackle smaller tree first. Agreed to add how we proceed with respect to fixing the wall as a main discussion topic at the next meeting.	ALL
b	Performance Area – Work completed but all agreed quality was not as expected or required. Some remedial work has been done but main issues (additional gravel, with better compacting and levelling of paths) still needs to be done.	AG
d	Allotment – Work progressing well. A lot of clearing and routing of paths, as well as first harvest of Flax! Charlie and Danielle are doing an excellent job but unfortunately they will be leaving Lincoln in October. Brief discussion on route forward but agreed to initially get C & D's to give their views/plans before we make any decision.	AG
e	Paths - Woodchip, DR to look at getting additional supplies around Nov time so we can cover paths before winter. - Rain, Problem with heavy downpours, where water runs along the two main cross paths and then down the western steps, washing them away. Culverts cut under the new woodchip don't work. Agreed to initially look at cutting a dip into the paths at certain points to direct the water down the slope. No further action taken yet.	DR DR/RB
f	Memorial Benches - Agreed to create a document covering requirements for future benches following the concerns over the recent installation. Trustees generally ok with where we've got to, but resolution of issues were not easy, for any of the parties concerned. - Second bench to be constructed so we see the foundations requirements / fixings required. Stone seating to be removed with stones stored behind allotment shed for time being.	PC RB AG
10	Any Other Business	
a	25 th Anniversary – Local Residents are re-forming the 'Halfway-up-the-Hill' association and would like to get involved with the park for both future events but particularly a 25 th year celebration. Also suggested we could have a 'presentation' of old pictures etc. possibly in the Victoria, followed by a social gathering.	
b	Has been a suggestion that the rat issues on Alexandra Terrace is due to the park. Whilst trustees agreed we do need to introduce some control again, it's unlikely there rat problem is due to the park, as there have always been issues on Alexander terrace.	RB
c	Trustees agreed to invite Mel to our next meeting as a potential new Trustee. Introducing younger trustees is not only enabling future continuity but ensuring new views and energy!	AG
d	Discussion over hiring of woodchipper to help reduce the large pile of compost. Overall view that unless you hire a large industrial version they are hard work for brambles etc.	
e	Question raised of status of adjoining Carline Rd building plot. Site has been cleared but still for sale. State of boundary a concern but consensus was it was best left alone.	
11	Next Meeting	
	Date agreed – 16/10/24 at 7:00 pm, Highview	ALL

APPENDIX 1

LIQUORICE PARK MILLENNIUM GREEN TRUST Volunteers Report

20th March 2023

Alison Griffiths – Volunteer Co-ordinator - August 2024

There are 26 volunteers, some coming twice a week, those in work usually once a week and others come when they can. This works out well as average attendance at each session is around 8.

There have been several new recruits – Professor Ian Abrahams, Paul Cutts, 17 year old Riley and possibly another referral from the Network – Gabriel (22).

At present we have 4 Network referrals which seems to be working well as a close relationship is maintained with Network leaders who recently stated that the opportunities offered in the park were “awesome”. I feel the balance within the band of volunteers is fairly good but I am very aware it is a delicate one and I monitor it closely considering the needs of every volunteer and what their volunteering means to them.

Good work has been carried out keeping the paths clear, weeding and cutting back long grass and general overgrowth. The allotment is progressing steadily and work on repairing the steps will start once the Breedon gravel arrives. It was promised for week beginning 15th July but still hasn't been delivered by the quarry.

Cutting the meadows is now a priority and also the topiary needs to be trimmed.

There is a lot of work coming up when nesting season ends in the copses and sorting the composting areas and brash dump. Depending on receiving a small grant, the small pond will also create a project for the winter.

Compliments continue to be received expressing appreciation for the work of the volunteers and Trustees in maintaining the park and keeping the balance between managed and unmanaged which is always good to hear.

The Trust is very fortunate to have so many committed and enthusiastic volunteers and general support from the local community.

Alison Griffiths 4/08/24

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