

**Meeting of the Trustees of
Liquorice Park Millennium Green Trust
5th Mar 2025, 7:00 pm (Held – High View)**

Present: Phil Cragg (Chair)

Richard Bayles
Mel Marsh

Alison Griffiths
Penny Toone

		ACTION
1	Apologies – David Royle	
2	Previous Minutes	
	Previous minutes (8/1/25) accepted as a true record. Proposed: AG Seconded: MM To be uploaded to Web site.	RB
3	Finance	
a	Overview - RB gave a summary of previously circulated report.	
b	Expenditure Approvals;	
	i) Approval for slight additional spend on Pond Liner & Underlay. Approx £250 ii) Purchase of Hedging Whips for Allotment £50	
4	Neighbours Update	
	Nothing new to report	
5	Risk & Safety Issues	
a	Current areas of concern:	
	- Main Steps; All broken steps repaired. Need to use remaining gravel to top up existing ones which are low.	ALL
	- Sunken garden Steps; Monitoring and pushing steps back if they move forward.	RB
	- Southern Boundary; see Section 9a for update.	
	- Viewing Platform; Following replacement of some planks it was found structure is more rotten than we had hoped. We've concluded a full replacement will be required, rather than just repair. Meeting agreed that new platform would be a simpler design (rectangular) and not so deep. Additional funding will be required. Initially RB to provide approx. dimensions to enable quotations to be sought so we have an idea of what's required.	RB/AG
b	Accident Report Book – No new issues.	
c	Risk Assessments – Annual review due.	RB
6	Governance	
a	Land Registry name holder. PC reported forms have been signed and sent back. We await response.	

7	IT	
a	<u>Liquorice Park email list</u> 151 active subscribers (up by 2). Two e-mails have been sent since last meeting.	
b	<u>Website stats (now based on Google analytics)</u> Jan & Feb average active users per month 378, Pages / Screens viewed per month 162.	
c	Most visited pages in last three months were, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Home Page - Map - Contact - History - Trust Information - Find Us No further update on progress from 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.	
d	Currently three trustees (in theory!) receive enquiry e-mails from the Liquorice Park account (RB, PC & AG). Can be confusion over who replies. Agreed RB would either, initially reply to the sender, thanking them for the e-mail stating the e-mail would be forward to all trustees before a formal response. Or it would be forwarded to a trustee directly responsible (if obvious) and cc'd to rest of trustees.	RB
8	Volunteers	
	AG provided a summary report (attached as Appendix). AG reported she had to explain our stance/procedure on children attending volunteering sessions. Wasn't well accepted but when suggested that they were more than welcome to set up a children's activity/volunteering session they didn't seem interested!	
9	The Park	
a	Southern Boundary (Eastern 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. Work pack for the required repairs has been produced. Document needs reviewing by all trustees before sending information off.	All All
b	Allotment – MM (along with the Network) has started improving the path. Hopefully going to obtaining some paving / patio slabs which can be used. Hedge planting along the boundary wall discussed and agreed to purchase "whips", probably Blackthorn or similar, for this.	RB/PC RB
e	Paths - Rain, Problem with heavy downpours or prolonged rainfall, 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. Need to consider long term solution for the western steps.	All.
f	CCTV – Meeting agreed proposals are not Park responsibility as proposal/placement is	PC

	outside of our boundary. As such we will not be applying for any money in the name of the Trust. Individuals are free to investigate funding themselves as part of the community initiative. As such PC to chase DR on his endeavours to obtain Proceeds of Crime monies.	
g	Pond Liner – Meeting agreed to purchase the medium thickness liner and underlay. Will also use old carpet to try and add additional protection from damage from sticks etc.	RB
h	Herb Garden Shed Roof – All materials purchased. Will do later in year.	RB
10	Review of 2024 AGM ideas	
	Of the agreed actions only the idea of having a blackboard at the Alexandra Rd Entrance needs completing. Agreed to do this later in the year when it warms up!	RB
11	Any Other Business	
a	<p>25th Anniversary – Sunday 29th June.</p> <p>MM reported a good response when requesting availability of entertainment. Early days but looking good.</p> <p>‘Halfway-up-the-Hill’ association and would like to get involved with the park for future events, but particularly a 25th year celebration.</p> <p>Also suggested we could have a ‘presentation’ of old pictures etc. possibly in the Victoria, followed by a social gathering.</p>	
b	MM requested if we could create a more up to date information board for our fund-raising events. It was agreed to spend up to £100 on a new presentation board. RB has access to all the park pictures etc. MM agreed to co-ordinate. AG to photograph current board.	MM/RB /AG
c	AG reported she had a meeting with the university art students over the use of the park for one of their art projects this year. Was concern following the events of last year, but it appears lessons have been learnt. Will keep in communication.	AG
12	Next Meeting - AGM	
	Date agreed – Week beginning Mon 14 th April at 7:00 pm, subject to availability of room at The Victoria.	ALL

APPENDIX 1

LIQUORICE PARK MILLENNIUM GREEN TRUST

Volunteers Report - Alison Griffiths 05/03/25

Since There is a good level of morale with the volunteers and particularly good work has been done over recent months to open out the paths. Many positive comments are being received as to how good the park is looking, especially with a great show of spring flowers.

The pond is almost ready for the liner and as frogspawn appeared (now in foster homes) it is important to get it finished as soon as possible as spawning is early this year.

As it is now officially nesting season until the end of August, this must be kept in mind when planning any more clearance. The copses require a little thinning but it is not a priority.

The attendance of The Network young adults has declined despite Network employee Billy Johnson supervising on a Wednesday. Billy brings Allan who was uncommunicative until recently when he socialised at coffee break – very rewarding for all concerned. The park continues to work its magic! There may be two more young adults coming.

The Lincoln Conservation Volunteers are coming two weeks before our open day which is really good timing as they are keen to help prepare the park for the celebrations.

The recent better weather will hopefully dry the park out a bit and make volunteering safer and even more enjoyable.

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