

**Meeting of the Trustees of
Liquorice Park Millennium Green Trust
13th Aug 2025, 7:00 pm (Held – High View)**

Present: Phil Cragg (Chair)

Richard Bayles
Mel Marsh

Alison Griffiths
Penny Toone

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1	Apologies – D Royle	
2	Extraordinary Meeting called to discuss status of viewing platform and its replacement.	
3	Finance	
a	<p>RB gave an overview of the current finances and the allocation of funds to the viewing platform. Monies included for the viewing platform are the £2000 already ringfenced from previous donations and a cheque (still waiting to be cleared), for £5000 from the Dawber Trust. This will give a total of £7000 allocated to the platform's replacement.</p> <p>AG also reported a request for funds from the High Sherrif's office had been made but was currently on hold. It was agreed we should proceed with this anyway particularly citing the parks work with the Probabtion Service, The Network & helping with local residents well-being.</p> <p>RB has received a communication from Tesco within which is information on applying for a chance to get a monies from their Stronger Starts Programme (voting via the blue tokens you see in stores). It was agreed RB would apply for this.</p>	<p>AG</p> <p>RB</p>
4	New Replacement Viewing Platform	
	<p>Three quotes have so far been received, all based on a simpler and smaller structure (rectangular and approx. 1.5 meters deep:</p> <p>Metal Replacement costs were approx £8300 + Wood Replacement costs were approx. £5500</p> <p>Above costs include, labour and VAT but exclude foundations.</p> <p>Following discussions on the pro/cons of each solution it was agreed that the quote for the wooden replacement offered the best value to us as well as working with a known builder. Costs are also within our current budget which allows for slight scope creep and foundations etc.</p> <p>It was agreed AG would contact the builder to obtain more detailed plans (drawing, materials, preservation etc) before we make a final decision.</p>	AG
5	Existing Viewing Platform	
	<p>We are currently planning to close off and start removing the old platform in early October. This is following holidays and work required on step repairs. RB has some plastic fencing material, and we have long metal bars so we will be able to fully close off the opening, although if anyone does break this down the drop down is only a few inches.</p> <p>The difficult part will probably be the removal of the main supports from the old concrete foundation pads. We will have to address this as we go along</p>	

6	Any Other Business	
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b	<p>RB mentioned we haven't had a general Web/e-mail update recently and agreed to create one. Draft will be circulated to trustees before final issue. Topics to be covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Open Day - Mystery Play - Viewing Platform - Our Honeybee visitors 	RB
c	.	
7	Next Meeting (Std Trustee Meeting)	
	Date agreed – Weds 10 Sept, 19:00 at Highview..	ALL

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