

FPRA Meeting minutes: 15/01/19

Present: Chris Bidwell, Steve Carrington, Arthur Creighton, Barrie Dack, Mike Glenister, Chris Jones, Amanda Marioni-Hunt, Nick Reynolds, Ray Robbins.

Apologies:Silke Gruner

1. Trim trail to be delayed due to inappropriate options for locating it. Proposal to locate this above the older children's playground by what is commonly known as the "Teacup Park". A consultation process will take place with the residents of properties that overlook the proposed site. The trim trail will be considered around the entirety of the shelter belts. Amanda left at 7:45
2. Nick offered thanks to Peter Nash for his service as Chair and for the extensive hard work that was undertaken by him during his tenure. Barrie Dack proposed that Nick Reynolds take on the role as Chair. This was seconded by Arthur Creighton and carried unanimously by those present until ratification at the AGM. Vice Chair vacancy was considered, Ray Robbins was proposed by Steve Carrington and was carried unanimously pending ratification at the AGM.
3. Ray reported that there was £604.65 to be transferred to Scanlans from our Natwest account. Any expenses will now be forwarded and requested directly from Chris Jones.
4. Nothing to report
5. There are 2 planning applications: Cavel Walk and Hardy Way - akin to a box on a roof. This is against the design statement but fall within permitted development.
6. Chris Jones is to conduct a walk around with James Hislop to seek clarification over areas of responsibility. Quote for putting pits around the base of the trees of £3,000 +VAT agreed. Chris Jones to write to residents who carry out work on FPRA land 47, 49 and 57 Hardy Way asking them not to do so again. Agreed that Hislops will:
 - a. Cut the grass on the mound in the Urban Park when appropriate
 - b. Quote for amending the size of the beds in the Urban Park (this should go through Silke as a matter of professional courtesy)
 - c. Develop a program of winter pruning and mulching on the shelter belts
7. Nick Reynolds reported that Linden homes are actively trying to hand over the shelter belts. There is some works outlined before hand over and no start date has been agreed.
8. The wooden barrier by the balancing pond needs to be replaced and raised, the one currently in place is illegal. Chris Jones to seek clarification on what the lamp changes constitute. Elliot Way is still outstanding. Peter has said that he is still available for consultation.
9. Cash flow is fine. 1 debtor on rent charge, no creditors. There was some confusion regarding the email that was sent out by Chris Jones but this was clarified by him to those that made contact. The budget will be discussed at the next meeting in the form of a 6 month review of current standing as well as a forecast of our position if we do not increase rent charge by the rate of inflation and if we do increase by the rate of inflation.

CJ to put together a budget forecast document and circulate to FRPA committee by end of February.

10. Completed as item 1

11. Contractors damaged the land at the bottom of Dickens Boulevard. Permission was not sought. Chris Jones to write to the contractor to ask why they didn't seek permission and to seek compensation to carry out repairs.

12. AOB There has been some damage to park facilities if it is reported by Wicksteed as likely to be deliberate, we need to ensure that it is reported to the police.

13. Date of next meeting Monday 8 April 2019. All future meetings to be on the second Tuesday of the month, quarterly.