

# HGRA Meeting Minutes

## Present:

Thomas Priestley, Amy Hardy, Carol Conyers, Liz Hendry, Peter Thornton, Elaine Cuthbertson, Karen Banks, Karen O'Donnoghue.

## Apologies:

Giles Archibald

## Estate's Trees:

From Mike Strutt regarding saplings – no maintenance needed but useful to remove weeds/grass from inside tubes. Request that anyone who has spare time feel free to help with this.

It was mentioned that the cut line for Continental Landscapes has moved further in again around Round Hill. This should be agreed as the line of the newly planted tree saplings.

It was also noticed that several fallen trees had not been cleared up after storms. These need highlighting and addressing.

ACTION – Tom to ask council to trim Low Garth verge up to tree sapling line

ACTION – Amy to send photos of substation oak to Peter to pass on to Graham Nicholson (the tree man?!)

ACTION – Tom to collate list of potentially problematic trees/fallen trees to Peter as above

## Anti-Social Behaviour

Continuing low level of ASB on the estate is being monitored by the RA. Residents are asked to keep reporting this to the Police.

Example – Jane Reid's post on HRA FB on 9<sup>th</sup> August

## Footpaths/Gates

No change with the footpath to St Thomas's following last committee meeting. Giles not present so unable to update regarding his letter to the council. There have been no further complaints from residents since the previous accident.

ACTION – Peter to contact Giles regarding progress on footpath and letter to council and update RA

Gate to MUGA (owned by Home Group) has been angle-grinded open again.

Replacement of this gate with a pedestrian gate with no vehicle access is the preferred solution. Recommend also giving notice to residents who store their cars in the back gardens and access through this gate.

ACTION – Tom to forward information on to Amanda Fraser at Home Group  
([amanda.fraser@homegroup.org.uk](mailto:amanda.fraser@homegroup.org.uk))

## Bins

Andrew Vickers (WAF) has now agreed the locations of the 5 new bins on Hallgarth following the walkaround + last committee meeting.

ACTION – Peter to chase progress on the bins, and provide a date on installations.

## Finances

Current finances (refer to spreadsheet)

ACTION – Elaine and Karen B free to use remaining Jubilee money to fund a Halloween & Christmas events

Other remaining funds include £140 left over from KiB. This is free to be used for any other flower planting projects.

Obtaining a reliable audit has continued to prove difficult. It was proposed that we change our constitution so that an audit is only required every 5 years rather than annually. This motion was voted for unanimously.

ACTION – Tom to change the constitution to require an audit every 5 years rather than every year.

## Events

Daffodil planting event? (using £140 funds from Kendal in Bloom pot). - To be organised

ACTION – Tom to look at a daffodil planting event at start of October.

Halloween – Elaine and Karen planning a traditional Halloween on the actual night (school night). Pumpkin carving, apple bobbing, etc. Simple and classic, community centre acting as hub on the night for trick'or'treaters.

Christmas – Elaine and Karen planning Christmas events – Christmas Crafternoon and Christmas Party. Crafternoon just as the kids break up from school. And a Christmas Fayre (stalls etc).

Further plug planting could also be carried out I.a.w. the preset plans for round hill, although this may need more finances.

ACTION – Chase Chris Winnick regarding plant plugs (mentioned in planting plan).

## Community Centre Garden Plan

Karen O'Donnohugue and Elaine gave updates on the plans for the community center

SLH have given £20,000 to the community centre!

Costing plan (generous costings) is £62,000 (but centre not necessarily allocating spending as generously, so potentially not needing the full £62,000).

Work needed to see what the ground is like under the tarmac.

## Garages

No news on the garages project.

ACTION – Tom to contact Sean Ellen at SLH for progress report.

## Path to Burneside

“New” path material on path from Moore Field Close to Burneside Road formed ruts almost immediately, and is getting worse. Proper drainage solution is recommended.

ACTION – Peter to investigate and feedback to HGRA.

## Pavements

Very poor state, and only to get worse as we move into autumn/winter

Where to report pavements – council website

ACTION – Tom to put instructions on FB group on how to report poor pavements + pot holes.

## AGM

Committee Members are re-elected unopposed. We welcome anyone who wishes to join the committee or would like to take one of the main posts of chair/secretary/treasurer.

## Community Centre Plans (as well as garden)

Discussions over ideas to change the internal layout of the community centre were made. This is all subject to funding and is to be directed by the community centre themselves.

Next meeting: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024