



## Committee Meeting 19 November 2020

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**Attendees:** Bob Tyer, Jane Sheldon, George Siskos, Mick Green, Stuart Mulholland, Emma Creasey

**Apologies:** Annabel Cowell, Evy Hoyte, John Payne, Ross Spencer, Glen Spencer.

### Old Thomas Tallis Site Development:

It was agreed that GS would contact Greenwich Builds regarding the flood incident on 18 November when the developers accidentally pumped water onto our site.

It was also agreed that a meeting with Greenwich Builds is now overdue as a number of issues are outstanding including: KPAA sewage soakaway, treatment of KPAA and development boundary, protection of our site from further contamination and disruptive incidents and flood management.

### Asset of Community Value Submission:

Mick confirmed that the submission was made on 13 October. Initial screening of application is a two stage process. Deadline for response on stage 1 is due in approximately 4 weeks. MG will write a brief summary of the main points of the application to share with the community. He noted that at this stage there did not seem to be an opportunity for the community to add supporting statements.

### Iron Mountain Trees (overhanging willows):

BT confirmed that in law we cannot insist Iron Mountain manage their trees and that they have despite repeated attempts been very resistant to helping us. The only option open to us is to manage them ourselves.

It was agreed we should engage a tree surgeon to understand the logistics and cost of managing the growth from our side of the boundary. BT to reach out to his tree surgeon. SM also has a contact who he is willing to ask.

As these trees are deciduous it was agreed that action should take place Jan/Feb once leaves have dropped.

SM noted that we should consider the cost of regular management of these trees (3 - 4 years) as part of our site budget.

### Outstanding Tenant Eviction Notice:

This remains outstanding with the Greenwich Parks team. It was agreed that this is an unacceptable delay in resolving a situation involving damage to a neighbouring plot.

SM will draft a letter to the Greenwich Parks team requesting that they respect KPAA autonomy in managing tenant matters. SM to share the letter with the Committee ahead of sending.

#### Warning Letters:

Letters regarding plot cultivation standards and other issues have been issued for the current year. All matters are resolved with the exception of three which remain ongoing and will be monitored and actioned over the coming months.

#### New Plot Holders:

We have five new plot holders on site. They have been given the option of preparing their plots over winter. This provides them an opportunity to see if they want to make a full commitment from April 2021 onwards.

#### Noticeboard:

To be updated with the revised advice regarding bonfires and a copy of the tenancy agreement.

#### Tools:

Our current strimmers are getting old and prone to problems. It is an option to invest in a new strimmer and perhaps a telescopic saw that would help with managing overhanging overgrowth. Discussion with JP, as master of the tools, to follow.

#### Paths:

Some progress has been made but there are still areas of the site where paths are overgrown and not accessible. It was agreed that a community working day on paths should be organised led by SM and GS.

#### Vacant plots:

There are some vacant plots on site that need clearing prior to renting out. JS will arrange for a skip in order that the clearance work can happen.

The vacant plot next to the shop has been open to some discussion re the possibility of using some or all of it for community use. It was agreed that any change of use of this plot should undergo consultation with the community.

#### Waiting List:

There are currently 94 applications on the list. It was agreed we would close the list when it reached 100.