



# Woodcote Millennium Green Trust

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## 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at Epsom Sports Club, Woodcote Road, Epsom

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Mark Swan, Chairman of the Trustees, welcomed Patrons, Friends and local residents to the AGM.

### 2. Apologies for Absence

Chris Frost, John Parsloe, Andrew Broadbent, Ron Coll.

### 3. Minutes of the last meeting (6<sup>th</sup> March 2014)

The minutes were noted as correct and signed by the Chairman.

### 4. Trustee's Report and Accounts for the year ended 31.12.14

The programme of maintenance sessions by volunteers has continued with approximately 4 per year. These have been moved to Saturday afternoons from Sunday mornings to help increase attendance.

The main project this year has been the renovation of the paths (see next agenda item).

The next major project to be undertaken next year will be the pond this will be subject to funds being available. This needs clearing of the invasive New Zealand pygmy weed; it also needs relining in part with clay to seal. No date set for this work yet.

Thanks to Richard Lee for photographing the paths before and after their renewal, and for running the photography competition that was held in 2014.

### Finances – Please see full report

Jeremy Hawken provided a summary of the Trust's financial position. In summary a good year for receipts in. A major expense has been the paths at £36K. Future projects of this scale will need to be planned well in advance to ensure that sufficient funds are available.

### 5. New Paths

Jes Howey from Executive Gardens gave a summary of how the paths had been laid. He advised that in time grass etc. should grow up to the edges of the path to soften

appearance. He suggested trying to keep the paths free from leaves in the autumn to help keep the paths in good condition.

The surface is suitable for bikes, but not for horses. Temporary signs have gone up to this effect; there is also a piece in the newsletter. Please can anyone seen riding a horse on the Green be challenged.

MS thanked Jes and his team for the work. He had received lots of positive comments about the new paths and had noticed that more people were using the green. **Action LJ** to put photos of new paths from RL on to website.

## 6. Future Plans and Suggestions

- The grass around the new paths will need to be seeded. Jason Cowling would like to plant bulbs (in September) and wild flowers. Jes suggested contacting local garden centre (Ashted Park) to see if they would like to donate bulbs / seed- could then be thanked in newsletter.
- **Tony Whitehead** suggested that a waste disposal company operating locally might be able to help with the pond project as part of their community scheme. **Action MS** to contact.
- To contact RAC to see if they can provide any support to the MG- **Action MS**
- John Sheppard-Fidler asked whether the electricity company responsible for the substation might wish to sell. It was explained that the company had been contacted in the past and they are looking to demolish. John pointed out that the access route has moved away from the original wayleave. It was originally in a line with the doorway but has now moved away from this. **Action MS** to ask Brian Saxby to look on the plans.

## 7. AOB

- i) Luke Jennings reported that website traffic had increased. Brazil was now the most common country of origin and Portuguese the most common language. There has also been some traffic via the Epsom Guardian online.
- ii) Richard Lee reported that there is still a Renault Clio dumped on or near MG land, which has been there for about 1 year. RL is in liaison with Michael Everett to resolve. It was felt that it was encouraging hospital parking along the access road to the new flats. The option of placing some logs on MG land to dissuade parking was discussed. **Action MS** to contact Melanie at ME to discuss.
- iii) Tony Whitehead noted that nesting season was approaching so any tree work required will need to be delayed if not carried out very soon. MS has noticed a couple of dead trees that need removing. **Action MS** to contact John Parsloe to arrange felling.

**iv)** MS explained that the garage that the MG use for storage of equipment at Woodcote House is now managed by residents Susan and Rhett Brades on behalf of Woodcote House Freehold Company Ltd. It has been agreed that the MG can continue to use the garage as previously.

The meeting closed at 9.08 pm.