

- That as there was no money in the grounds budget to fund the additional planting, once the committee had received full details of all the costs involved, it could consider whether the community budget could contribute to 50% of the costs, which would then reduce the additional cost to around £5.00 per property.

The plants against the fence at the end of the estate will be removed by Greenscapes at no extra cost. The fence will be removed when the bridge/pathway is put in place.

Action: Advise residents of nos. 84/85 of the action being taken.

A proposal had been received from Green Blue Marine to clear the Mill Race on a regular basis, keeping it clear of rubbish/litter/cuttings so that the water flowed unheeded through the grill to the pond at the other end of the estate (near the level crossing). It was agreed to discuss with the RST the possibility of a grill being placed at the front of the Mill Race at certain times of the year so that detritus as a result of the work undertaken on trees, shrubs did not enter the pond.

After considerable discussion, GM proposed , AO seconded and the committee agreed the following:

That given the additional cost to residents of keeping the Mill Race clear, the committee needs to be convinced, on behalf of the residents, that the Mill Race is the sole responsibility of the residents.

Action:

- Letter to the Bakers to clarify the arrangements they put in place on the sale of the estate to ensure that the Mill Race is kept clear,
- and whether they would be prepared to make a contribution to the costs of regular maintenance to the Mill Race.

The committee agreed that until the legal responsibilities were clarified, Green Blue Marine would be asked, as a one-off job, to clear the Mill Race of all detritus and then a decision would be made whether to ask them to continue with regular maintenance.

6. Leaseholders Sub-Committee (PP)

- Yellow lines were now in place at the top of the development near the level crossing, which will enable the refuse lorry to access Bakers Court. Cars parked on the yellow lines are subject parking penalty notices.
- Bakers Court - flat roofs above the communal stairways; discussions with Barratts continue.
- Parking – Bakers Court, enhanced signage to be put in place for visitor parking. Meadow Court – parking issues need to be addressed, i.e. cars parked where there are no bays, which can prevent refuse and delivery lorries entering/leaving Meadow Court. Any proposed changes to be communicated to residents. Whilst parking permits are used at Bakers Court it was agreed that they are probably not appropriate for Meadow Court at the present time.
- The variance to leases had been completed.

7. Social Sub-Committee (GM)

Friday 10th April saw a very successful and enjoyable quiz night with a profit of £91.00. From the surplus it was agreed to purchase a microphone and amp for use at future community events. Cost around £80.00.

8. Treasurer (GM)

GM reported £2,545.76 in the account. Future anticipated expenditure - £240.00 (plus VAT) for signs regarding the prohibition of the launching of boats; £400/500 for

a noticeboard and some small corkboards for internal use; £39.60 for renewal of the web site hosting. See also discussion under item 5, above.

Previously there had been some gardening tools purchased with Community Association funds and these need to be located.

9. Meeting with H&W

See 4 above.

The cleaners will be asked to remove bird droppings from the outside of doors and ground floor window frames.

The internal decoration of the apartments would start in the spring with the outside being deferred until next year.

Some committee members had met H&W for an initial meeting on the budget.

10. Key Issues – Children’s Play Area

The grounds sub-committee put forward some suggestions for the children’s play area and it was agreed that costs should be obtained from H&W and the proposals discussed at a future committee meeting.

11. Offer of Freehold

The committee noted the offer to purchase the freehold that had been sent to leaseholders.

12. Updating Residents

A newsletter to residents would be circulated via e-mail and hard copy. Reference to not launching boats/dinghies from the bank and the yellow lines would be included.

13. Future Meetings

The next meeting will take place on 2nd July 2015