



MINUTES

of the 'virtual' meeting of the DPVA Committee and Aster on Tuesday 27th April 2021 at 10am.

Present for DPVA: Judith Pameley, Peter Bennis, Lisa Penington, Norma Humphreys, Edward Williams, Paul Morgan, Angela Powney.

Present for Aster: Lisa Childs, Imogen Nicoll, Harry Toogood

Apologies: Carol Holmes, Paul Morgan

1. **Updates on Tenders:**

JP enquired about the **Garden Care Tender** which has not yet been concluded. Once a Contractor is appointed there would be flexibility to discuss the particular requirements of the Drews Park site. The likely timeline for takeover is October/November 2021. The disposal of garden waste was discussed and it was explained that in the past waste was disposed of on a secluded site between the Wiltshire Wild Life Orchard and Greenacres Garden site. This has now been removed to avoid the likelihood of being labelled a fly-tipping site. **JP** to send a plan of the former site and a photograph of the present cleaned up condition. Resulting green waste is now disposed of by Tivoli. **LC** said that if larger amounts need to be removed Tivoli would deal with it.

Stonework Tender has not yet been returned. It was agreed that Contractors asked to tender would not be named for reasons of confidentiality but that there was no reason that leaseholders could not contact the Section 20 Team for relevant dates. Contractors' names would be available at Stage 2 of the process. This applies to all tenders. *(Following the meeting **IN** confirmed that Stonework Tenders have been received and Leaseholders would receive consultation letters shortly.)*

Redecoration Tender not yet returned. It was noted that the timescale had slipped and that Aster is aware of the situation which may be alleviated by having larger presence on site. **LP** mentioned that the position of the Contractors' portacabins etc., right by the bin stores was not convenient and in past the positioning had been the other side of the car park. **LC** to investigate. *(Following the meeting it was confirmed that Ex Decs Tenders are due on 21st May. It was also agreed that the site facilities will be relocated to the other side of the lower Wyatt car park.)*

2. **Bin Stores**

LC agreed to write to tenants of Chapel, Cedar and Elm with regard to the state of the bin stores, particularly since Easter. This may be due to people receiving more goods by post, therefore more packaging. It was agreed that the bins were sometimes

difficult to open as the roll top lids hit the walls but the danger of encouraging rodents should be pointed out to users. Aster will advise tenants that there is additional capacity in the Elm Court bin store and will let them have the code number. It was suggested that people should be encouraged to join the association and this could be mentioned in the letter.

3. Disposal of Bikes

JP thanked **EW** and **PM** for managing the removal of abandoned bikes. Aster had provided Elm with a bike rack which has served to tidy the Court. People would be encouraged to use them.

4. DPVA Recognition

Aster approved the amendment to the first paragraph and suggested that the item regarding Membership contributions should be reworded. **EW** agreed to do this. The agreed alterations would be put to the AGM in October. It was noted that members remain as such until they resign in writing and are not asked to confirm membership annually.

5. Any other Business

LP asked if Aster would give us their thoughts on forms of heating available after 2030 when gas boilers are no longer available for replacement.

IM said that Emma O'Shea and Aster members would be visiting the site in the first week of July and wondered if a couple of DPVA members would like to join them. This was agreed.

JP mentioned that all the leaseholder owned houses at Drews Park are on the social housing register. Aster is aware of this and will be taking the matter up.

JP asked if the annual gardens allowance was agreed and when the cost code would be available. **LC** confirmed that this should be ready in a couple of weeks.

PB asked for confirmation that Stonework repair would be funded from the Sinking Fund. This was confirmed.

As there was no more business the meeting closed at 10.55am.