

## ITEM 6

### MOUSEHOLD HEATH CONSERVATORS – 13 MARCH 2009

#### Notes from Mousehold Heath Conservators Management Sub Group

20 January 2009 10.00 – 12.00 Council Chamber

**Present:**

Cllr. Bradford (DB) (Chair)  
Cllr. Bearman (JB) (Vice - Chair)  
Cllr. Little (SL)  
Malcolm Bryant (MB)  
Mr C. Southgate (CS)  
Simon Meek (SM)  
Paul Holley (PH)

**1. Apologies**

Cllr Brociek-Coulton

**2. Notes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising**

**2.1 Vinegar Pond Donation**

Donation to Mousehold Defenders from the Conservators towards the pond project for £2500 had been made.

**2.2 Vegetation Clearance Zaks**

Clearance adjacent to Zaks by the Mousehold Heath Warden completed. Further clearance of tall gorse behind Zaks to be completed in conjunction with the Defenders; planned to complete by the end of February.

**2.3 Zaks' Lease**

A list of queries relating to Zaks' Lease to be drafted and circulated to sub-group to comment on/develop. **(SM)**

Attendance of an officer at the March Conservators meeting to answer queries to be arranged **(SM)**

**2.4 Hotdog Van trading without licence**

Wardens looked into as requested by MB. Asset & City Management contacted trader who was licensed for another part of the city but thought they could trade anywhere. Has not occurred since.

**2.5 Former City Centre Signs – possible re-use**

Nigel Hales has been asked to locate the posts at the Mile Cross Depot and request that they are not disposed of. **(PH)**

Complete an inventory of the signs, detailing how many, what finger posts are reusable and the cost of producing additional finger posts at the foundry, or if there would be any interest via City College to be involved in such a project.  
**(NH)**

The suitability of the metal posts would then be decided, taking into account our Management Plan for a standard style of signage across the Heath."

### **3. Project proposals for year end 08/09**

- 3.1 PH circulated a number of project proposals which have been discussed at various points during the year, and are included in the management plan and work programme.
- 3.2 A number of proposals had a range of options with different estimates. Following discussion the sub-group specified the projects to be progressed, subject to officers clarifying minor points raised at the meeting.
- 3.3 For details of the specified projects, see the attached sheet
- 3.4 MB asked for an update about the planned tree inspections on MouseholdPH explained that a new date (12<sup>th</sup> February) was in the diary and Malcolm would be informed of this.

### **4. Vinegar Pond Phase 2**

- 4.1 The completion of phase1 was welcomed. SM suggested a report about phase 2 be taken to the March Conservators Meeting outlining the various options, strengths and weaknesses of each, risks and financial considerations. This would involve officers working closely with the Defenders to incorporate their project detail and financial implications into the report. This was agreed as the next step in the project. **(PH)**
- 4.2 PH circulated details of a geological survey and recommended that the survey be carried out prior to any decision being made on the method to be used. This was agreed and added to the end of year spend programme.
- 4.3 SM outlined a recent informal planning visit to the project site and concerns regarding the possibility of requiring planning permission and associated impact assessment and studies being required.

### **5. St. William's Chapel**

- 5.1 The group reviewed the five year term Section 17 agreement with Norfolk County Council and unanimously agreed to enter into the agreement which was duly signed.

## **6. Dates of future meetings**

- 6.1 Mousehold Conservators meetings to remain on Fridays. The Sub Group requested that Sara Crowley be asked to schedule meetings to start at 14.00 rather than 14.30 **(SM)**
- 6.2 SM proposed that Sub Group meetings be held the middle of the period between Conservators meetings, that the itinerant is held as part of the spring meeting and on a Tuesday or Wednesday. This was agreed by the Management Sub Group.
- 6.3 Dates and locations to be circulated to the Sub Group by email once Conservator dates have been confirmed. **(SM)**

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