

**Minutes of the Ernest Stevens Trusts Management Committee  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 at 6.00pm  
in Committee Room 3, Council House, Dudley**

**Present:**

Councillor I Kettle (Chair)  
Councillor T Crumpton (Vice-Chair)  
Councillors D Borley, S Clark, J Cowell and A Hopwood

**Co-opted Member**

J Jones (Friends of Wollescote Park)  
H Rogers (Friends of Mary Stevens Park)  
D Sparks (Friends of Stevens Park, Quarry Bank)

**Officers:**

M Bieganski (Strategy and Governance Section Manager), H Dannatt (Traffic Group Manager), D Fildes (Parks Development Manager), D Mcnaney (Senior Principal Accountant), R Tilley (Funding and Projects Manager), M Wilcox (Principal Lawyer) and L Jury (Democratic Services Officer).

**Also in attendance:**

Four members of the public.  
Councillor N Neale for agenda item no. 6 only.

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**44 Declarations of Interest**

No Member made a declaration of interest in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

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45 **Minutes**

**Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

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46 **Public Forum**

Mr and Mrs Bloomer were in attendance at the meeting and requested to address the Committee with regard to a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) on Benjamin Drive and parking on Homer Hill. It was noted that Mrs Bloomer had addressed the Committee at its meeting in January this year with regard to this issue.

Mrs Bloomer, Secretary of the Friends of Homer Hill Park, addressed the Committee raising concerns in relation to the recommendations set out in the report submitted by the Acting Service Director – Environment Directorate to be considered by the Committee at agenda item number 6.

In response to the recommendation to accept that the TRO prohibiting parking and the associated double yellow lines be retained, Mrs Bloomer questioned why this was needed if it was intended to provide more parking as set out in the report. It was believed that this would take away a basic right that park users had to use the land for recreation, which included the roadway and the easement over the road and the land was still in trust for leisure and recreation.

In response to the recommendation to approve the proposal to create parking provision using environmentally friendly parking areas that could be created using permeable paving or matting, Mrs Bloomer advised that there would be twelve new parking places spread over both sides of the road, however, visitors would not be able to park anywhere else and all the remaining area would be lost. In addition, it was noted that not everyone with mobility problems were issued with Blue Badges that were needed to be able to park on double yellow lines.

In response to the recommendation to agree that the car park accessed off Homer Hill Road was opened to the users of the park subject to a height restricting barrier being installed and the car park to be extended into the tennis courts, Mrs Bloomer stated that there were no tennis courts left as they had been made into a car park, only a small basket-ball court remained. There were already twenty-two parking spaces, together with nine spaces by the park building which were used by the football teams who trained and played matches at times on weekends.

Mrs Bloomer stated that she believed that the entire area would become a public car park which would change the way the park was used which the Charity Commission may not agree to.

Reference was made to the possibility of anti-social behaviour and concerns that had been raised regarding the road being blocked to emergency vehicle access. It was noted that access was available from Ormonde Close via the knock down posts, however Lime Gardens staff did not highlight this issue. Reference was made to the Ormonde Close side, where yellow lettering on the road was present together with a level kerb and on the Lime Garden's side, there was a kerb with a small white notice on the railings yards away.

Referring to an event that had been held in June this year where approximately 350 people had been in attendance, Mrs Bloomer stated that she was not aware of any problems relating to parking, any road traffic incidents or problems with access for emergency vehicles and that parking on the roadside was essential for events where heavy equipment would need to be delivered. Reference was also made to the residents and visitors to the Lime Garden residential home and where parking was available.

In conclusion, reference was made to paragraphs 41 and 42 of the report in relation to Risk Management, specifically the possibility of the car park and parking areas becoming locations for anti-social behaviour, and that should the Charity Commission be requested to investigate the Council, they could request that the Council remove the yellow lines. Mrs Bloomer stated that she believed that the Council did not have a good record as Trustees, as they had already attempted to make a disposal of land without consulting the Charity Commission.

A resident of Lime Gardens addressed the Committee stating that he had been unaware of the parking situation when purchasing his property and referred to the road now being unsafe, especially for people trying to access the road with buggies or mobility scooters due to the parked cars and the challenges faced by road users to access the road, especially when the football teams parked their cars to use the park. Reference was made to the access available for emergency vehicles through Ormonde Close that had been raised, however it was acknowledged that access was regularly sought from Benjamin Drive and the problems that would be experienced due to parked cars. It was requested that this situation be resolved for safety reasons.

Mr Bloomer addressed that Committee specifically relating to the consultation regarding the adoption of the road which was Trust land of which the Committee oversees and its duty of responsibility to the Charity Commission on how they handled the land. Particular reference was made to a previous issue with relation to the disposal of land and the Charity Commission's advice to the Council that they would not accept such short-notice again and that any further disposal might lead to other consequences.

He believed that the root cause of the problem with Benjamin Drive on Homer Hill Park related to the lack of any meaningful consultation between the Council, Lime Gardens and the wider community, and not hearing the voice of residents as advised by the Charity Commission. No time had been given to discuss the issue with the Friends of Homer Hill Park, the Local Residents' Associations or holding a meeting with residents.

Alternative access routes to Lime Gardens were then presented and reference was made to shared access and the false impression that would be given to road users, that Benjamin Drive was an ordinary road if double yellow lines were installed. Reference was made to the busy periods namely Sundays when the football teams used the park and during school times and it was suggested that the restrictions on parking would only offset the problem of parking elsewhere. Reference was made to the issue raised in relation to safety and people's perception of safety and that other access to the area was available.

It was noted that the Friends of the Park held meetings regularly in the park where the view of the residents could have been obtained as opposed to the consultation that had been undertaken, which had involved a public notice being displayed requesting that members of the public contact the Council via the internet, however, it was noted that the link given had not worked. It was suggested that the Council consult with the residents of Cradley on how to improve Benjamin Drive.

Councillor Neale, Cradley and Wollescote Ward Member, was in attendance at the meeting and spoke on behalf of the residents of Lime Gardens residential home with regards to concerns raised in relation to the access to the property. A main issue related to the difficulties experienced by the residents travelling trying Benjamin Drive when cars were parked.

It was noted that the Ward Member had raised the issue with the Cabinet Member for Highways at the time and emphasised the difficulties experienced with passing cars when cars were parked, and in particular, wide emergency vehicles due to the already narrow road. It was noted that video evidence had been submitted highlighting the issue with parked cars.

In relation to alternative access and in particular, Ormonde Close, it was noted that the steepness of the road did not lend itself to the use of scooters. Reference was made to the car park accessed off Homer Hill not being used, and it was proposed that this be addressed and that the double yellow lines be retained and enforced for the safety of the residents and children using the area.

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#### 47 **Benjamin Drive Traffic Regulation Order and Parking – Homer Hill Park**

The Committee received a report of the Acting Service Director – Environment Directorate seeking the Committee’s views on how to progress with the Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) on Benjamin Drive and proposals to assist with parking.

In presenting the report, the Traffic Group Manager advised that on his recent appointment to the position, the TRO had been consulted upon and in accordance with the regulations, notices had been displayed correctly in September 2022 and objections that were received were then presented to the Cabinet Member for Highways at that time who took the decision to progress with the order.

It was noted that objectors were notified in January 2023 and reference was made to an objection that had been received by the Ernest Stevens Trust Management Committee at its meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> January from the Secretary of the Friends of Homer Hill as set out in Appendix 3 of the report. It was noted that arising from consideration of this issue, the Committee requested that the TRO on Benjamin Drive have a ‘stay of happening’ pending a review. An instruction was issued to the works team not to install the double yellow lines, however, the contractor did not receive the message and the double yellow lines were installed.

The team had been alarmed when a message had been received that the double yellow lines had been installed, and an investigation was undertaken as detailed in the report submitted. Reference was made to the current position with regard to access to the Lime Gardens residential home and the issues that would be experienced by emergency services should they require access to the home or other properties on Benjamin Drive, and access to the park itself should an emergency arise. Reference was made to safety issues as Benjamin Road being a narrow and winding road, and it was intended to keep the traffic speeds slow ensuring that there was a safe route through for cars, pedestrians and mobility scooter users accessing the road at the same time.

In conclusion, the Traffic Group Manager made reference to the proposals as set out in paragraphs 30 to 32 of the report, seeking to provide a balance between car users, those wishing to use the park and addressing the issue of safety for users of the park and those using the Lime Gardens residential home.

In response to a question raised by the Chair in relation to a narrowing of the area on Benjamin Drive, as detailed on the plan on page 24 of the report, the Traffic Group Manager referred to the banks on both sides of the area and the old trees in the location and the issue with the tree root networks underneath the ground and the possible risk of damage if disturbed. The Chair suggested that this issue be investigated further together with the issue of herringbone parking and the possibility of taking the other spaces a metre or two into the grass bank to address the issue of safety.

Arising from the presentation and issues raised in the public forum, the Chair referred to consultation with the public and stated that as a result of the consultation that had been undertaken, conflicting views had emerged in relation to retaining or removing the double yellow lines.

The Principal Lawyer stated that Legal Services had provided legal advice to the Highways Agency in relation to the report submitted and officers had endeavoured to present a balanced view. However, the position with regard to a conflict of interest was raised as Legal Services also provide advice to the Trust as landowner and, therefore if a solution to the issue could not be achieved that would satisfy all parties involved, the situation would need to be referred to external legal services who could specifically act on behalf of the trust. It was noted that should the issue be referred to the Charity Commission, the Commission would question the Committee whether independent legal advice had been obtained.

The Vice-Chair referred to the role of the Committee in this regard and provided a brief history of the issue, referring to the park's unique position as the only park in the Borough with a vehicular access running through it, and the concerns that were raised at the time. It was noted that the plans that had been presented to the Committee in relation to the additional parking facilities to be provided, would impinge on the land that the Committee had responsibility for, and reference was made to the covenant that stated that the land only be used by people to enjoy the land. Reference was made to the issue of parking that had been experienced in this area for many years, particularly on Saturdays and Sundays when the football teams used the park, and it was noted that the car park was used by the teams as they had access to it and used the changing facilities there.

It was stated that the road was a shared facility and that no meaningful consultation had been undertaken with the Committee, who had legal responsibility for the land, the Friends of Homer Hill Park or Ward Councillors who were fully aware of the concerns that had been raised over many years by local residents.

It was proposed that; the Committee consider this issue further with additional legal advice from the Council's legal services on the impact and any implications on the Trust, that a consultation exercise with local residents be undertaken to ascertain their views on the problem and how to reduce this, that the emergency services be informed of the issue relating to the parking on Benjamin Drive particularly on weekends, and suggest using alternative routes if necessary, allowing open access to the car park but issues with regard to anti-social behaviour to be addressed, that a notice be displayed in the area to inform the public that the yellow lines were not being enforced at this time. As a result of the consultation, if necessary, advice be sought from the Charity Commission in relation to encroaching on the land to provide additional parking. It was also suggested that the residential home be fully integrated with the Friends of Homer Hill to address issues within the area.

The Principal Lawyer referring to the issue of encroaching on park land to create additional parking, questioned if the beneficiaries of the Trust could then use the land for recreation purposes in line with the deed of the Trust, and reference was made to the transfer deed in relation to the private right of way and it was reiterated that external legal advice be sought due to a conflict of interests.

A resident of Lime Gardens referred to the parking issues also experienced on an evening when the footballers used the park for training purposes and the need to resolve the issue urgently.

Councillor Borley suggested that the football teams be approached with regards to the issue and encouraged to use the parking facilities provided.

In response to a question raised by Mrs Rogers in relation to the tennis courts and whether they were situated on park land and referring to paragraph 18 of the report, a possible conflict of interest in relation to the local Highway Authority, the Principal Lawyer undertook to clarify the position.

The Chair approved the suggestion to seek external legal advice and proposed that a site visit to the area be undertaken by Members of the Committee who wished to attend and suggested that the changing facilities in the park also be investigated. It was proposed that a further report be submitted to the Committee for consideration.

## **Resolved**

- (1) That, approval be given to the Principal Lawyer to seek external legal advice due to a conflict of interest.
- (2) That, a site visit to the area be undertaken by Members of the Committee who wished to attend.
- (3) That, a further report be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee for consideration.



The Committee received a verbal report from the Strategy and Governance Section Manager in relation to vacant space available at the Mary Stevens Centre.

In presenting the item, the Strategy and Governance Section Manager advised that two Charities namely, Crafting for Carers and WeLoveCarers, who currently occupy space at the centre, had submitted an interest in leasing the vacant space and therefore, both charities had been invited to address the Committee and Members were asked to approve which Charity be allocated the vacant space.

T Bradley, representative from Crafting for Carers presented her case, and in doing so, confirmed the rooms that the charity was currently occupying comprised of a total of 79.88 sqm. Reference was made to the rooms the charity was formally requesting which would equate to 163.63 sqm which would make a total occupancy of 243.51 sqm. It was advised that WeLoveCarers, the charity also competing for the extra space currently occupied around 440 sqm of the building.

A breakdown of the room usage at the centre was then presented which included: storage of items to be auctioned or sold at craft fairs to raise funds for the charity, storage of materials, equipment, and meeting rooms. It was advised that the charity support organisations such as the NHS, care homes, schools, hospices, dementia groups, special needs settings and cancer charities, and produce and distribute between three to five thousand hand-made knitted stitched and crochet items a month, bringing support to anyone in need of relief or discomfort during difficult times.

It was noted that the charity's makers make the items at home and collect material and drop off their made items at a network of hubs where volunteer drivers collect the items made and bring new supplies.

The activities that would be undertaken by the charity in the rooms requested was then presented and included running workshops for the community to learn new skills, retaining skills, and provide a mental health support to the community.

The charity wished to expand to provide more community support including holding knit and natter and coffee groups and including younger children and more school's involvement, and the space on the ground floor would enable the charity to be more inclusive.

It was advised that the rooms currently occupied had been completely refurbished by the charity, with support and donations from the community, and a new floor had been laid. It was the charities intention to lay new flooring in the larger room should the Committee approve the tenancy request.

In conclusion, Ms T Bradley stated that the charity undertook a lot of charity work outside of the centre due to issues with space and would like the opportunity of having more space to be able to offer so much more to the community.

Arising from the presentation, Members asked questions and answers were provided at the meeting as follows:

- It was advised that the charity comprised of two senior leaders, five leaders, ten to twelve volunteer drivers, twenty occasional volunteers and approximately three thousand makers who make the items in their homes which are then donated.
- Items made included: bed socks and stress heads for care home patients, care bags that would be provided to newly diagnosed cancer and kidney patients, which would include items such as blankets, wash bags and eye masks, angel babies for bereaved parents and worry monsters for school children to help alleviate stress.
- It was advised that the rooms requested would become available on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2023 when the current occupant's lease expired. It was noted that the main room requested was G25, a large room opening out into the gardens.
- In response to a question relating to the outcome value offered to Dudley, it was confirmed that the majority of the three thousand makers were Dudley residents.
- Concern was raised in relation to shared space in the centre due to the attendance of vulnerable children, and it was questioned whether the charity had considered using alternative accommodation such as a local community centre. In response, it was confirmed that space would also be required for storage of equipment such as sewing machines to be used during the workshops, and it was confirmed that those attending workshops at the centre would be greeted and escorted to the rooms and children were only in attendance during the summer holidays.

The Chair thanked Ms T Bradley for her presentation and Ms T Bradley left the meeting.

Ms R Gardiner, a representative from WeLoveCarers, presented her case, and in doing so, confirmed that the charity provided support to unpaid carers and provided play schemes for children with disabilities. The charity were requesting more space due to an increase in work to be undertaken with organisations such as, Public Health, the Local Authority, the CDT, and education, who were requesting that the charity deliver more workshops on issues such as, eating healthy during the cost of living crisis, managing money and the provision of benefits.

Occupational Therapy and the Physiotherapy Service had also requested to use the centre as an outreach area due to its full disability access being on the ground floor, as opposed to their current location, which would allow the services to undertake service evaluations, assessments on patients such as children with cerebral palsy, and provide triage support and benefit reviews to parents and signposting to the appropriate services.

The Charity also envisaged providing play groups to under 5's in September when Leapfrog closed as there would no longer be placements available for that age group.

Arising from the presentation, Members asked questions and answers were provided at the meeting as follows:

- It was confirmed that the charity consisted of four staff and approximately ten volunteers a day attend for approximately four to five days a week. Other volunteers would also be involved during the summer holidays as the charity, in conjunction with the Local Authority and the CDT, would be providing five hundred places for children, two days a week, who the charity would provide with food as the children would be provided with free-school meals during school time.
- It was noted that approximately four thousand people had been assisted by the charity last year and this had not included support provided to children.
- It was also noted that play schemes were provided to children every Saturday (approximately twenty children attend), and Youth Clubs are provided to approximately fifteen to twenty children due to the size of the room. Beacon allows the charity to use one of their rooms to provide an Autism Café on evenings.
- It was confirmed that the benefit assistance provided by the Charity had resulted in approximately £350,000 of benefits to the public per year.

In response to a proposal presented by Members to consider reorganising the rooms at the centre to try to accommodate both charities and provide more space, R Gardiner confirmed that the charity would be prepared to consider alternative arrangements or sharing the facilities when appropriate. The importance of the need for her charity to be based on the ground floor was emphasised due to the complex needs of the children who attend and for safeguarding reasons.

## **Resolved**

That, the Strategy and Governance Section Manager be requested to produce an alternative room allocation in the Mary Stevens Centre in conjunction with both Charities, to include a review of the visitor access arrangements into the building, and a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee for consideration.

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### **49 Update on the Lawn Tennis Association Improvement Project**

A report of the Acting Service Director – Environment Directorate was submitted providing the Committee with an update relating to the progress made with the Lawn Tennis improvement project.

In presenting the report, the Parks Development Manager advised that a grant of £280,537.11 had been received for the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) to improve tennis court facilities within the Borough. It was noted that work had been commenced on all six sites and was progressing well. A complaint that had been received with regards to the working arrangements of the contractor on site had been raised with the LTA and had been addressed.

The surface of the courts had been prepared and were awaiting an acrylic bonding, which would be in the LTA associated colours of bright blue and green with white line markings and would be undertaken on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023. The automated gates would then be installed which would provide access to the courts via an app-based system which the Council had already agreed on a charging system. It was noted that income generated from the hire of the courts would be reserved in a SINC fund and would allow the Council to provide future maintenance of the courts.

It was envisaged that the courts would be completed by early September this year and publicity regarding the improvements to the courts and promotional material relating to the charging and app-based system would be published before the courts could be accessed.

It was noted that free-coaching sessions would be made available to children and the LTA viewed Council tennis court facilities as an introduction to tennis playing with the intention of some players progressing on to club tennis.

In response to a question raised by Councillor Hopwood with regard to the free-coaching sessions and who would be providing the coaching, the Parks Development Manager replied that, in conjunction with the LTA, a procurement exercise would be undertaken to identify an appropriate coaching service.

Councillor Crumpton requested that an issue with regard to access to the courts at Wollescote Park be addressed due to the gates being locked and it was proposed that now new improved tennis facilities were available, an urgent review of changing and toilet facilities at the park be undertaken and that this issue be considered at the next meeting of the Committee. In response, the Parks Development Manager made reference to a Heritage Lottery project which other parks within the Trust had greatly benefitted from and proposed that funding available from such projects would be beneficial to the park.

In response to a concern raised by J Jones in relation to the contractors working at Wollescote Park and the condition of the courts and surrounding area, which the Friends of the Park had addressed due to safety concerns, the Parks Development Manager undertook to address the issue with the Contractors.

In response to a question raised by Councillor Cowell with regard to the procurement of the tennis coaches and who would be funding this going forward, the Parks Development Manager confirmed that the procurement of the coaches would be funded by the LTA or alternatively, the coaches would offer private tennis coaching which would be paid for and would pay the Council for use of the courts or provide free sessions. Reference was made to the use of the app-based system to book the courts and it was confirmed that staff would be available to support people in the use of the app in the first instance, and other Local Authorities that use similar apps have confirmed that the majority of people had booked courts successfully using the app.

It was confirmed that in line with the deeds, the booking system could be amended to ensure that those under the age of 15 years would not be charged to play on the courts.

**Resolved**

- (1) That the report submitted in relation to the progress that had been made with the Lawn Tennis improvement project, be noted.
  - (2) That the Parks Development Manager contact the Contractors on Wollescote Park to address the concerns raised with regard to the condition of the site.
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## 50 **Lease for Tintern House, Stevens Park, Quarry Bank**

The Committee received a verbal report from the Funding and Projects Manager on the current position with regard to the lease for Tintern House.

The Funding and Projects Manager advised that since the last meeting, further discussions had been held with the Emily Jordan Foundation Projects (EJFP), to request that they make progress with the lease. Unfortunately, Chris Jordan, the Chair of the Trustees did not wish to proceed further until all the remedial works and other issues had been addressed on the building and it was noted that this work had now been completed.

During the process of reporting to the Heritage Lottery, C Jordan explained that the foundation had suffered more financial losses than were originally anticipated and, in principle, the Heritage Lottery stated that once the capital works had been completed, and if there were any funds available in the capital fund, the Heritage Lottery may consider a transfer of funds to the EJFP to assist them at this difficult time.

However, it was noted that since then, the EJFP had advised that they were suffering quite significant financial difficulties, and they did not wish to progress any further with the lease, having already spent a significant sum of money on legal costs and they did not wish to incur any further legal costs by progressing with the lease until some certainty was available as to whether further funds would be made available to them.

It was also noted that officers had proposed a process, approved by the Lottery, requesting that a business case be submitted by EJFP setting out their finances, their cash flow and proposals going forward to reach a position of sustainability demonstrating how they propose to use additional funds.

It was stated that the final account had been agreed with the main contractor who had completed the building works and a full review of the capital fund was needed, to ascertain the capital remaining and then consideration be given to what EJFP proposed in their business and rescue plan.

In response to a question with regard to the remaining capital funds, it was noted that a contingency of approximately £15,000 had been anticipated.

The Principal Lawyer stated that whilst the financial information was important, it was equally important to establish what the EJFP had delivered for the community as they did not pay rent and have been in occupation of Trust property for two years and Mr Jordan had refused to instruct his solicitor. The Principal Lawyer stressed that should the Trust be in conflict with the EJFP, the Charity Commission would request that an external solicitor be instructed to obtain an independent opinion going forward as the Council's Legal Services had provided the Trust with legal advice on numerous occasions.

During a discussion that ensued where the outcomes and the conduct of the foundation was questioned, the Funding and Projects Manager referred to the foundation's positive elements of their involvement in the community whilst carrying out their duty to safeguard their trainees as many have learning difficulties.

In response, D Sparks stated that the Friends of Quarry Bank Park had used Tintern House to hold meetings free of charge when the Council owned the house. However, when EJFP became tenants of the house, the Friends were charged and subsequently a decision was made to hold meetings elsewhere. In referring to the foundation's financial situation, the previous opening times of the garden centre during the weekends was brought into question, and income that had been generated from the subletting of the café and the hiring of rooms was also questioned. It was proposed that legal advice be obtained, and discussions be held with the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Charity Commission to address the situation with regards to the lease urgently.

In response, the Principal Lawyer proposed that a detailed written report be submitted to the Committee for further consideration, to include information relating to the sub-letting of the café and any other income generated by the foundation, together with detailed evidence of the outcomes that had been agreed by the Trust in lieu of rent. The Strategy and Governance Section Manager echoed the comments made by the Principal Lawyer.

The Chair proposed that a detailed written report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee for consideration, and a deadline for the completion of the lease be agreed. In response, the Funding and Projects Manager advised that Mr Jordan had confirmed that he would be willing to attend a meeting of the Committee.

### **Resolved**

That, a detailed written report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee for consideration.

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### 51 **Information Relating to Co-opted Members**

The Principal Lawyer tabled information relating to the Co-opted Members of the Committee in relation to their Membership and the Members were requested to complete the information and return the forms back to the Principal Lawyer at the next meeting of the Committee.

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### 52 **Questions Under Council Procure Rule 11.8**

A question had been submitted by the Secretary of the Friends of Wollescote Park with regard to the toilets and their current state of disrepair, the lack of facilities for baby changing, toilets not being open to the public and the general lack of maintenance. In response, the Chair proposed that the toilets, changing facilities and maintenance needed to be discussed at a future meeting. The Parks Development Manager advised that it was anticipated that general maintenance would be carried out on the toilets and the leak in the ladies' toilets would be addressed by September this year. It was noted that Green Flag status had not been achieved this year and a comment received from the judges related to more interpretation of the site being needed and the issue of submitting a request for lottery funding was again raised.

The meeting ended at 8.35pm

CHAIR