## Notes from Jersey Gardens visit 22.12.2015 - an on site meeting to discuss how the recently agreed \$106 £76,600 should be spent.

Present: Colin Hume (Friends of Jersey Gardens), John Love *for part* (Thistleworth Tennis Club), Gaye Galvin (LBH Parks), Jim Buchan (Carillion), Unsa Chaudri (Carillion), Tony Louki (Councillor, Osterley & Spring Grove Ward)

- 1. Tennis club boundary fencing to footpath to be considered as an adjunct to the fence works to the park and whilst funding should be sought from other sources for this, Carillion would work with the club on specifications and quotes from its contractor.
- 2. Thistleworth should approach LBH's Marianne Boyle and Unsa to explore grants opportunities. These may rely on the club being able to offer community sports opportunities in terms of match funding. The club's Family Friday initiative should be costed as a match fund as may a programme of school holidays offer; Colin advised that an application to Inspire Hounslow may be considered.
- 3. Definitive ownership and responsibilities diagram of whole park should be sought and recorded, Jim and Gaye would establish.
- 4. Ownership details of the footpath from Ridgeway Road North to Wood Lane should be sought, its maintenance regime also; LBH's Richard Hamilton, REDE Strategic Highways Commissioning should be able to assist.
- 5. Footpath illumination should be encouraged and Tony would include this in a bid for S106 for this.
- 6. All kept access points to the park should be gated rather than treated with bollards and a gate placed opposite the tennis club's western gate to the footpath. Gaps should be planted to continue the privet hedge.
- 7. For safety purposes, reduction in height of the privet by the footpath should be considered except by the playground to maintain tennis club privacy.
- 8. Paving from the footpath to the higher level of the playground should be designed to allow mud free wheeled access.
- 9. Ideas for the use of the unused hard area by the tennis courts should be sought. A mini outdoor gym, multi use games area, scooter ramp and climbing frame were suggested but others may have different recommendations.
- 10. The proposed yard gates proposals are welcomed as part of a design to discourage after hours anti social behaviour. Reduction of the yew tree at this location was agreed.

- 11. All boundary ironwork should be preserved and gaps added to particularly the low hooped fence near the Great West Road park access points and towards Ridgeway Road. The middle gates to Great West Road would be removed, refurbished and relocated to other entrances requiring and privet planted to blend along whole closed boundary.
- 12. Litter and dog waste bin placement and renewal will be considered in this phase to complement pathway resurfacing and additions.
- 13. The telecoms equipment owners should be approached to make good their works on the park boundary. Tony has forwarded correspondence on this matter with LBH Area Planning Manager, Robert Coomber to Gaye.
- 14. Works on the Great West Road surface crossing should commence in February 2016 <a href="https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/roads/great-west-rd">https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/roads/great-west-rd</a> and when complete should increase the park's accessible catchment and north to south footfall.
- 15. Tony has had conversations with Capel Manor College and Cultivate London on the potential to work together to improve parks in Osterley & Spring Grove Ward. There is fair scope to assemble a partnership with these, the National Trust, Kew Gardens, Our Barn and others to plan action longer term restorations of the sunken garden and other parts of Jersey Gardens as a skills training, learning and neighbourhood project.
- 16. Capel Manor contacts are Maggie Roy, Business Development Officer, <a href="Maggie.roy@capel.ac.uk">Maggie.roy@capel.ac.uk</a> and 078 6798 8215 and Capel's Gunnersbury Park centre head is Mathew Watson: <a href="Mathew.Watson@capel.ac.uk">Mathew.Watson@capel.ac.uk</a> and 020 8993 6266.
- 17. There would also be scope to develop a S106 backed horticulture and landscape apprentice project in conjunction with LBH Skills and Employment Team (Anna Dent ext 5203), Carillion, Hounslow Highways, National Trust, Capel and others.
- 18. Current grounds maintenance regime would be examined for future variation to improve safety sight lines, suit ambitions for the substantive discussed and plan for works later in 2016.
- 19. Consultation method and process with Friends of Jersey Gardens and other neighbours should be considered.
- 20. Tony will make a further bid for S106 funds for Jersey Gardens.
- 21. Further meeting before the end of January 2015 was agreed and Gaye will assemble.
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