

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

<u>Report of the:</u>	Clerk to the Conservators
<u>Contact:</u>	Tim Richardson
<u>Annexes/Appendices (attached):</u>	None
<u>Other available papers (not attached):</u>	Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 16 March 2015

REPORT SUMMARY

The Committee is asked to note the current situation on the following issues raised previously.

1 Car parking for events – Minute 2 a)

- 1.1 The Committee will receive a verbal update at the meeting from the Council's Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

2 Dog Control – Minute 2 b)

- 2.1 New Dog Control measures came in to force on 25 January 2016. Early reports suggest that the majority of dog walkers have been compliant and the Trainers have noted a marked improvement in safety since the implementation of the new controls.
- 2.2 The Downskeepers, supported by Epsom & Ewell Borough Council's Ranger Service and Jockey Club staff, have spent considerable time engaging with dog walkers to explain the reasons for the new measures.
- 2.3 Press releases and social media were extremely useful prior to the launch and the updated signs have proved invaluable to help convey the message. However, the Downskeepers have requested that a leaflet is produced which further explains the reasons for the new measures. The staff feel that being able to 'give' the public something would help start the conversation and also give dog walkers a chance to fully to understand the need for stronger measures to be in place.
- 2.4 The Streetcare Manager and Nick Patton, from the Jockey Club have agreed to work on a leaflet and will continue to monitor the success of the project.

3 Surface of Walton Road – satisfaction of Highways Authority to works – Minute 2 c)

3.1 The Downs Manager arranged for a representative from Surrey County Council (SCC) to visit the Downs and inspect the resurfacing works and 'road hump' on Walton Road that had been installed by the Training Ground Management Board. On inspection, SCC commented that it was satisfied with the works and was happy for the road hump to remain in place.

4 Fixed-point photography for the Downs – Minute 2d)

4.1 The Streetcare Manager has spoken with Epsom & Ewell Borough Council's Countryside Team regarding the subject of fixed point photography on the Downs. The Countryside Team have said that this had also been on their 'wish list' for many years and that they have recently made some inroads with a local camera club who have agreed to take on this project on their behalf.

4.2 The Countryside Team have agreed to share their contact and it is hoped that the Camera Club will also be interested in providing this service to the Downs on a voluntary basis.

5 Access to the Tattenham Corner Road Crossing for Pedestrians walking from Tattenham Corner Station– Minute 4 a)

5.1 A representative of Surrey County Council (SCC) Highways Service was invited to comment on the safety issues associated with pedestrian access along Tattenham Corner Road, at its crossing of the Racecourse. The following comments were received from SCC, and were provided to the Conservators at their meeting of 20 January 2016:

5.2 *"The footway on Tattenham Corner is tricky. We can't create a footway on the carriageway without reducing the width of the lanes and therefore it would result in the road becoming one-way. That is never going to happen.*

If we were able to create a footway it should be on the Tattenham Corner Station side as it links up with a worn path across to the downs to the shops and station. However if anything, it looks as though it is the other side where people walk that gets the most use. SCC has no money but if the Downs Conservators want to pay for us to provide a hard surface we are happy to take on the design and construction of a footway facility.

The only other thing we could do is put some 'Pedestrians in Footway' warning signs up but this would just be adding more clutter to the downs area."

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- 5.3 The Conservators noted that the location does not have a history of incidents or accidents, and following consideration of the comments from SCC and the recent improvements undertaken by Epsom Downs Racecourse to the location did not identify any action which they wished to pursue with regard to it.