

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS & OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

<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>	None

REPORT SUMMARY

The Conservators are asked to note the current situation on issues raised previously and other items of interest.

1 Dog Control on the Downs – Minute 24 b)

- 1.1 A verbal update on progress with dog control on the Downs will be provided by the Streetcare Manager at the meeting.
- 1.2 Additionally, the Chairman has received correspondence from a local resident who visits the Downs regularly to walk dogs. The resident highlighted that the new dog walking signs request dogs to be held on a lead until 12.00 on Sundays, whilst racehorse training finishes at 9.30am. The resident also highlighted that this contradicted some old signs already on the Downs. The resident suggested that the requirement to hold dogs on leads until 12.00 would deter some walkers from visiting the Downs, and requested that this matter be considered by the Conservators. The Conservators' views on this matter are requested.

2 The Queen's 90th Birthday Beacon – Minute 25 f)

- 2.1 At the last meeting, the Conservators expressed support for the proposal to hold a Beacon lighting event in celebration of the Queen's 90th Birthday on 21 April 2016, and requested that the views of the Epsom and Walton Downs Consultative Committee be sought prior to the event being approved by the Chairman and Clerk to the Conservators.
- 2.2 The Consultative Committee did not identify any concerns with regard to the event when it considered the proposal at its last meeting, held on 9 March 2016.
- 2.3 Officers are in the process of confirming arrangements for the event, and Epsom & Ewell Borough Council has purchased a commemorative gas fuelled Beacon. An image of this is attached at Annexe 1 for the Conservators' information.

3 Replacement of steel posts at access points to the Downs

- 3.1 On 19 December 2015 there was an incident involving a loose racehorse colliding with a metal RSJ post on Epsom Downs. Although there was no fatality, the horse involved sustained some significant injuries and was subsequently out of training for a period of time.
- 3.2 Following the accident, a number of representatives from the Racecourse, TGMB and Epsom and Ewell Borough Council (EEBC) met to explore the options in order to ensure this wouldn't happen again. It was agreed that the best course of action was to remove the metal RSJs and replace them with wooden posts. Having assessed the area it was also agreed that a metal gate would be replaced with a plastic PVC gate. The cost of the works would be split 3-ways between the Racecourse, the TGMB and EEBC. This funding has been identified from existing budgets.
- 3.3 A verbal update on the progress of this work will be given at the meeting.