

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS & OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

<u>Report of the:</u>	Streetcare Manager Clerk to the Nonsuch Park Joint Management Committee
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<u>Annexes/Appendices (attached):</u>	Annexe 1: Civil Aviation Drone Code Posters
<u>Other available papers (not attached):</u>	None

REPORT SUMMARY

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

1 Marking out boundaries of the Old Palace – Minute 108

- 1.1 Councillor Mike Teasdale suggested re-investigating a project to define the boundaries of the original palace.
- 1.2 Officers and Councillor Teasdale met on-site to discuss various options for defining the boundary. It would appear that the most viable solution may be to mark the area out in chalk and if possible integrate some of the smaller pieces of 'rubble' excavated from the Palace site into the design, this would of course be subject to the 'rubble' having no interest to the British Museum.
- 1.3 Discussions with the London Borough of Sutton have revealed that a similar project has been carried in Oaks Park, using chalk to mark out the site of the former house. Officers from Epsom & Ewell will visit Oaks Park to establish if something similar is possible at Nonsuch.
- 1.4 A further update will be provided to the next meeting of the JMC.

2 Linking with Historical Palaces

- 2.1 A letter has been sent to the Chief Executive of Historic Royal Palaces to enquire whether Nonsuch Park is eligible to be included in their portfolio. The Committee will receive a verbal update at the meeting.

3 Children's Play Area in the Dog Free Zone

- 3.1 It has been suggested that Nonsuch Park would benefit from a Children's play area in the park, and that an area adjacent to the London Road Dog Free area would be best suited to this facility. A map of the suggested area will be available at the meeting. The Committee is requested to consider if further investigation is appropriate.
- 3.2 An initial estimate of £25,000 has been received for the supply and installation of a cable ride (zip wire), swings and a slide and including the ground covering, although this is only a guide and full consideration will be given to the type and style of equipment if the project progresses.
- 3.3 Councillor Mike Teasdale will give the Committee a verbal update at the meeting on the potential sources for funding the project.

4 Flying Drones in Nonsuch Park

- 4.1 There is a growing concern about the use of drones in Nonsuch Park.
- 4.2 The purchase and use of drones has become a popular hobby. A drone, in a technological context, is an unmanned aircraft. Drones are more formally known as unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) or unmanned aircraft systems (UASes). Essentially, a drone is a flying robot equipped with or without camera or video capabilities.
- 4.3 As this is relatively new technology, the law on the use of drones in public places is still developing.
- 4.4 The Civil Aviation Authority has released 'Drone Code', a code of conduct relating to the use of drones (see Annexe 2), which states:
 - **D**on't fly near airports or airfields
 - **R**emember to stay below 120m (400ft) and at least 50m (150ft) away from people
 - **O**bserve your drone at all times
 - **N**ever fly near aircraft
 - **E**njoy responsibly
- 4.5 The eight Royal Parks and private sites such as the Eden Project have taken steps to ban the use of drones entirely.
- 4.6 The current byelaws governing Nonsuch Park do not cover the use of drones and to take steps to ban use would likely mean the creation of a Public Space Protection Order.

- 4.7 For the moment it is proposed to monitor the use of drones and display the 'Drone Code' on park noticeboards, to remind people of their legal responsibilities when using drones in public places.

5 Sponsorship Proposal

- 5.1 A company called Agriframes, who originally supplied the metal Rose Arbour in the Formal Gardens, contacted Peter Steel, the Park Supervisor and the Nonsuch Voles to discuss a sponsorship proposal.
- 5.2 As Nonsuch is one of the largest (and best) installations the company have in the Country, the company are very keen to use pictures of the installation in their marketing and promotional literature. The company are also proposing to put a small plaque near the Arbour stating their company details and place a few retail catalogues in the Nonsuch Pantry.
- 5.3 In return, they are either offering £3000 worth of products from their current retail catalogue or bespoke items to the particular needs of the park, plus 25% discount on all future purchases for the duration of the agreement.
- 5.4 Peter Steel and the Voles met with Agriframes to discuss the proposal in more detail and as the company were keen to take the project forward in 2016/17 financial year, the Streetcare Manager approached the Chairman and Clerk to the JMC for a decision to move forward with Chairman's approval.
- 5.5 The Clerk and Chairman granted approval subject to the preparation of a legal agreement stating the exact terms of the offer.
- 5.6 Epsom & Ewell's legal team have prepared the agreement and it is currently with Agriframes to sign.
- 5.7 Peter Steel and the Nonsuch Voles have drawn up a list of items from the Agriframes catalogue to the value of £3000 which will enhance the Formal Gardens and benefit visitors.

6 South & South East In Bloom Awards 2017

- 6.1 The Park's first entry to the South & South East in Bloom (SSEIB) Award scheme last year proved a great success and resulted in the Park achieving a Silver Award.
- 6.2 Officers and the Nonsuch Voles recently met with SSEIB Chairman, Peter Holman to discuss last year's entry and advice on how to prepare for this year's judging.
- 6.3 The meeting was extremely informative and as a result, it was agreed that to reflect all aspects of the Park and the contribution of its thriving volunteer community it would be beneficial to enter for more than one Award.

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- 6.4 This year the Park will be entered into Large Park, Heritage Parks/Gardens and It's Your Neighbourhood categories. Each of these awards has a slightly different focus.
- 6.5 The Streetcare Manager has submitted the applications for the Large and Heritage Park awards and the Nonsuch Voles have submitted the application for the It's Your Neighbourhood award.
- 6.6 The Large Park category, which we entered last year, is steered towards the general quality of facilities the park offers for all visitors, the Heritage category is similar but all takes into account how well we look after our historical features and the It's Your Neighbourhood is a community based award which is focussed on volunteer contributions.
- 6.7 Officers and volunteers are now in the process of planning for the judge's visit and working hard to ensure that the Park is looking its best in preparation for the judging, which will take place in early July.

WARD(S) AFFECTED: Nonsuch Ward;