



Minutes of NCA Meeting

Wednesday 7 October 2020

Present: Theresa, Suzanne, Jane, Annalisa, Richard, Tess.

Theresa opening the meeting at 7pm. Richard was present for the first 15 minutes but then had to leave as he was driving.

- **Review of Previous Actions:**

- Narrow path alongside Henver Road: No progress was made on asking council about moving temporary fencing, but the hedging has been cut back on the path by the building site, easing the problem somewhat.
- Zoom for AGM: Annalisa reported that Zoom costs £11.99 per month and can be cancelled after one month. We will subscribe in order to use Zoom for our AGM.
- Diversity survey: Theresa has made progress but is still considering how to create a residents' survey to highlight the diversity of backgrounds in Nansledan.
- Possible Events for 2021, as circumstances allow:

- Suzanne suggested a dog show. Annalisa can call on her sister to help as she has run many dog shows so we can pick her brain.
- A back-garden competition was proposed, if a way can be found for judges to access them.
- Theresa suggested a possible Nansledan sports day.
- A ceilidh or other dance might be possible when covid restrictions lift.
- Theresa suggested we engage with the school, to encourage them to allow us to make use of their resources in the future (e.g. rooms for meetings, the hall for AGM and other events).

- **Upcoming events**

- We discussed Halloween & Trick or Treat. We recommended that those willing to participate should put a pumpkin outside or in their window. We're concerned that people shielding shouldn't be pressured to open their door. Theresa will put our recommendations on the website.
- Theresa proposed that for Christmas, children who colour a picture of Santa and put it in their window will receive a gift from Santa's elf, as last year.
- We look forward to an opening event for the new park next year, perhaps once the bandstand is built. This event should perhaps include a band playing in the bandstand!

- **Treasurer:**

- Jane reported that we have £662.94 in the bank. The next major expense on the horizon is for insurance. Theresa suggested spending some of the money on a bench, though it might be prohibitively expensive due to the high quality required by the Duchy.
- **Environment:**
 - Suzanne reported that the NCA have received some complaints from residents about their neighbours. Our position is that all such complaints must be reported to Blenheims who are paid to address these issues.
 - The Duchy has said that proper pedestrian fencing will go in to replace the temporary fencing that keeps being blown over along the path to the SANG. However, in the meantime, dog-walkers should be aware that the metal base of the fallen fencing is sometimes breaking and exposing wires at 'dog-eye-level'.
- **Website:**
 - Annalisa is making ongoing updates to the website and adding blogs and stories as she receives photographs.
- **AGM Planning:**
 - Nansledan allotments had their AGM last week on Zoom as a spoken presentation with people able to make comments in chat.
 - Following the example of the Nansledan Allotment's successful AGM on Zoom last week, the NCA will try to do the same.

Our plans is to have the committee seated in a semi-circle in the Hub.

- Our provisional date for the AGM is 26th November 2020 at 7:30pm on Zoom. **ACTION:** Theresa to book the Hub for this time and date.
- Tess will use her audio/visual kit to set up a test AGM broadcast on 29th October at 7pm. Half the committee will be at the Hub to test the layout, while others will watch via Zoom to test audio levels etc and screen sharing etc.
- **ACTION:** Annalisa to subscribe to Zoom in time for the rehearsal. Theresa to book the Hub for rehearsal.
- **ACTION:** Theresa will research the possibility of a Zoom Bingo (or quiz) session after the AGM.
- **ACTION:** Theresa to speak to Ben Murphy to get an update from the Duchy on the formation of the ManCo and to find out who is going to speak at the AGM.
- **ACTION:** Committee members to prepare their reports for the AGM. Any presentation slides will need to be given to Tess to share via Zoom.
- **ACTION:** Theresa will put something on the website and send information out via Mailchimp regarding the AGM. This will include an open invitation to residents to consider joining the committee.
- **ACTION:** We need to agree a deadline for applications so that if necessary a vote can take place at the AGM by some online mechanism.

- **2021 Membership Fee**
 - The committee agreed that due to limitations on NCA events due to covid, the membership fee for the forthcoming year will be reduced to £5 from the day after the AGM.
- The meeting concluded at 8:30pm