

## Minutes of Garden Committee (GC) 11 February 2021

Zoom attendees for the Committee: Nicolas Bellet (NB), Kit Davis (KiD), Nathalie Faure-Beaulieu (NFB), Catherine Derrough (CD), Melode Parker (MP), Mary Cameron (MC), Karim Derrough (KaD),

### **Garden update:**

New lawn has now been laid down. The company will return around mid-March for final review and to remove protective fencing.

New gardeners have been very busy and have also repaired poo bag dispenser and mended the fencing around the middle garden

All their DBS have now been received.

### **Tree update:**

New lime tree (replacement of one cut down in 2020) has been planted on Arundel side.

Red Maple tree (replacement of dead Almond tree) has been planted on Elgin Side

A Liquid Amber small tree already planted in the garden, where it is not thriving, will be relocated in lieu of the bamboo that has been cut down in the middle garden. The bamboo had become unmanageable.

### **Children play areas:**

A sign will be put up reminding residents that the play area is for children under 12.

A sign with contact phone numbers in case of mishap will also be installed.

Easy Grass will replace and extend the artificial grass surface under the swings on the 8th and 9th of March.

### **Social media:**

Garden now has 55 Instagram followers. More are expected to join as spring arrives.

Facebook engagement has increased.

### **Garden Insurance Renewal:**

Has been finalised – same conditions but negotiated £300 cheaper!

### **Other:**

Parent liaison vacancy unfortunately still open. Five parents were approached but have declined.

Shakespeare in the Garden (The Tempest) has been booked (Pandemic rules permitting) for Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> June.

Garden Open Day organisers have been in touch and are still not sure that the May event will take place.

A broken child's bicycle and a broken rattan chair have been found in the garden. The GC reminds residents that byelaw 13 states: *It is an offence for any person to deposit any rubbish, domestic refuse etc into the Gardens.*