

LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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Next Regular Meeting

7.30pm on 7th June 2017

12 Micheldever Road, SE12 8LX

Open to all residents in the area. Formalities end 9.00pm - refreshments afterwards



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Notes of our Meeting on 12th April 2017

Present: Ralph White (Chairman), David Plumer, David Ford, Patti Byford, Charles Batchelor, Frances Migniuolo, Lorraine Burton (Treasurer), Pippa Bampton, Judy Cole, Veronica Simmonds and Sheila Peck (Secretary).

Apologies: Rita Craft, Sylvia Ling and Sue Byford.

Matters Arising

Satellite Dishes

The list of satellite dishes on the front of buildings in the Conservation Area was submitted to Lewisham Council and we have received confirmation of receipt from the Planning Office. It should be emphasized that the problem lies more with the suppliers and not the residents – regional managers are well aware of the regulations but fail to ensure that the installations are correctly made. A further complication is with ‘managed and let’ multiple occupancy properties, where the agent has permitted – or ignored – an installation. If a breach of planning control has occurred the Officer will first try to resolve the situation informally with the landowner either by way of negotiations or through retrospective planning application, although it will be a very slow process.

Conservation Area Planning Applications

Conservations Area representatives used to have twice-monthly meetings with Planning Officers to discuss relevant applications but, due to spending cuts, the meetings have ceased. A couple of weeks ago the Council arranged a meeting with Conservation Area representatives to explain the position and suggested they would like to resume contact but probably only on an annual basis. It was pointed out this was not acceptable and meetings should be at least quarterly. The Council is considering the position.

Also, because of changes at a national level, the Council will have to re-consult over Planning Guidelines on specific points such as extensions. The revue will probably take at least 2 years.

Planning

A general note: It is open to anyone to comment on a [Planning Application](#) provided they give a ‘planning’ reason for the objection. Personal details must also be provided.

62 Manor Lane: Construction of a hipped roof extension with 2 oriel windows to the rear

25 Manor Lane: Construction of a hip to gable roof extension with dormer on rear roof slope –

119 Taunton Road: Demolition of existing single and double storey rear extension and construction of a new extension.

All three proposals may contain contentious issues and we will scrutinize the formal planning applications in order to reach an opinion to present to the Planning Department.

Manor House and Library

V22 has been chosen to be the new guardian of Manor House and the library. V22 is ‘an art organization which specializes in the collection of contemporary art, the production of exhibitions and events, the provision of artists’ studios and creative workspace at affordable rates and the running of community engagement and education programmes’. They will hold some ‘open days’ over the summer. The re-opening of Manor House has been postponed to 2nd May to enable V22 to complete the installation of their new IT infrastructure.

Ice House

The bi-monthly opening of the Ice House has started and will run until the Open House weekend on 16th September. We will also open the Ice House for the Manor House Gardens Festival on 24th June. Charles has prepared a Risk Assessment and has suggested a Defibrillator should be available in the Park either in the Manor House or the Café.

Trees

David F has spoken to one of the Aislibie Road residents who have agreed to finance a street tree and has agreed that 2 will be planted – one from Assembly funding and one to be funded by the residents. Lewisham Homes have agreed to finance the replacement of the Whitebeam at the junction of Effingham and Burnt Ash Road. Charles has drafted a letter, to be delivered to relevant residents, seeking approval for tree plantings. The ‘relevant’ residents are those whose properties are adjacent to proposed planting sites but who have not specifically asked for tree planting. David F and Charles will agree planting sites and species of trees.

Plant Mart – 13th May

Please see the [separate notice](#) for our annual fund raising event. A Risk Assessment has been prepared and appropriate action to mitigate any hazard (principally uneven surfaces) will be taken on the day.

AGM – 17th May

V22 have confirmed that we can hold our AGM in the Baring Room at Manor House at 7.30 pm and we give our thanks for this. A [formal notice](#) will be issued separately. The Rev. Bridget Shepherd has confirmed she will give a talk – ‘A Day in the Life’.

Lee Green Consortium

The Manor House Gardens. Festival will this year be held on Saturday 24th June. A ‘planning meeting’ will be held on 20th April which Ralph and Sheila will attend.

We thank the Lee Green Community Centre for facilitating the meeting.