

**Clapham Common Management Advisory Committee (CCMAC)**  
**Thursday 3 September 2020 at 6pm**  
**Zoom meeting**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Simon Millson (Chair – SM), David Dandridge (Vice-chair – DD), Shirley Kermer (Friends of Clapham Common – SK), Cllr Linda Bray (LB), Cllr Tim Briggs (TB), Cllr Joanna Reynolds (JR), Sarah Yandell (Bandstand Beds – SY), Adrian Darley (Treasurer – AD), Cllr Nigel Haselden (NH), Krishna Siva (KS), Raffaele Principe (RP), Shelagh Muchmore (SM) and Andrew Summers (Clapham Society – AS)

**Apologies:** Paul Stephenson (PS)

**Guest:** Ian Ross, Lambeth's Head of Parks & Leisure Services (IR).

Ian Ross gave an update of what has been happening on Clapham Common and imminent plans.

- Post Covid-19 lockdown things have pretty much returned to normal for parks. Toilets are open but there are still restrictions on changing rooms. There have been unauthorized music events on the Common, dealt with by the police.
- Budget cuts are predicted for London Borough of Lambeth (LBL) – around 72 million. LBL have brought in consultants to explore how best to make savings.
- PIL (levy on events) income for this year was estimated to be a six-figure sum, now four – around £5,500 in total for Clapham Common.
- LB asked if Lambeth had made savings by not holding the County Show this year. IR said he will find out. **Action point IR.**
- Bowling Green – Putt in the Park. Start date for this project still to come. If it goes ahead the entrance to the site may need to be reconfigured. JR asked how this might affect the tennis courts. IR will find out. **Action point IR.**
- Playground – The plane trees have [Massaria disease](#) and considered unsafe to house play equipment under them. It has been agreed to extend the current playground boundary, 20x4 metres in length, into The Spinney site to accommodate the new play equipment. The area beneath the trees will be fenced off. DD asked whether the boughs of the trees, stretching across the pathway and over Bandstand Beds' fruit patch, posed any danger to users of the Common. IR assured the committee that the trees would be inspected regularly, and all necessary risk assessment implemented. He promised to follow this up with Ajay Joshi, Lambeth's tree officer. **Action point IR.**
- Tree planting – RP has put together a proposal for tree planting. IR asked RP to send the proposal to him so he can discuss it with Ajay Joshi. **Action point RP & IR.**
- Events site revitalisation – Aeration of the soil and replanting of grass is due to start. Fencing will go up on Monday 7 September. Site due to reopen by May 2021.

- Green waste site (GWS) – IR proposed moving forward with work to the boundary. NH and DD raised questions about Lambeth’s original plan to make compost (top dressing) available to the community, especially as there is currently Mayor of London funding available for this kind of project. IR said he would set up a meeting with the GWS working group. **Action point IR.**
- Battersea Woods landscaping work is due to start in October, estimated to take a year to complete. There will be community engagement elements to the project.
- Development of Redgra site is still under discussion.
- Wildflower seeding and naturalised areas – maps to be amended. Dr Iain Boulton still to look at plans and agree. IR pointed out mowing sometimes happens following complaints from residents about build-up of litter. Centaur horses are due back for wildflower sowing later this month.
- Footpaths – TfL money promised for repairs was diverted for Covid-19 transport measures. IR said he is aware of the urgency for repairs as insurance claims are now being presented to LBL.
- Questions raised about the numbers of personal trainers and keep fit groups on the Common, which seem to be on the increase. IR suggested that perhaps there is a need for a drive to ensure these are licensed, and that he would follow up on this. **Action point IR.**

### **Working group updates**

TLE – RP said the group would like tree and bulb planting to be an annual event. SK proposed a new wildflower area on Windmill Lane, requested by residents. SK has put together a proposal for bulb planting this year.

### **Member groups**

Friends of Clapham Common (FoCC).

SK gave an update on FoCC litter pick initiative. They have divided the Common into zones and have a dedicated group of volunteers regularly clearing each of them. They will be taking part in a World Cleanup Day litter pick event on 19 September – [more info on FoCC website](#).

Bandstand Beds (BB)

SY said the community garden has been open every Wednesday and Saturday throughout the summer for a restricted number of members, social distancing at all time. BB are hoping to hold a feast for up to 30 members at the end of September to celebrate everyone’s hard work and the success of the garden this year, despite all the challenges.

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AS told the committee he had nothing to report.

### **AOB**

NH talked about safety measures implemented by TfL, including the new pedestrian crossing on Rookery Road. SK asked what the long-term plan is for Windmill Drive.

Other committee members raised concerns about drivers ignoring the Windmill Drive closure signs and asked if cameras or other law enforcement measures might be implemented. SM will feedback to TfL. **Action point SM.**

AD flagged up the Colour Your Common volunteer session taking place on Saturday 5 September from 9.30am until midday.

End of meeting.

Next meeting Thursday 1 October 2020.