

General Summary of ESL Council Business 2nd September 2024

A formal meeting of the ESL Council was held on 2nd September. Official Minutes and accompanying Sub-committee reports are filed. Attendance at the Meeting – Secretary Kim Edden, Treasurer Judith Bradford, Chairman Colin Bernhardt, Directors Myra Miller, Ruth Rogers, Shelley Newton, Gerry Easter, Maz Calver-Smith, Ali Page, Tim Wright. New Director by co-option Jo Wright.

Grounds Maintenance – The Team has been very busy with multiple grounds maintenance tasks during the summer. Scheduled work includes replacing fencing between Boat Yard and beach path, replacement access gate to the Stable Field Yard, installation of new playground ‘springer’, bark replenishment and safety inspection, remedial work on wooden steps, professional assessment of all ESL trees throughout the Estate, for safety and essential maintenance.

Kiosk (Jubilee) Community Garden – The Boule Terrain renovation project is underway with welcome help from volunteers. Further working party dates will be set. Please contact the ESL Secretary if you can assist. The electricity box in the shelter is to be replaced.

Gardens Contract – The existing gardening contract has been reviewed and renewed for a further year. The ESL Gardens Team is grateful to contractor Linda Smith for all her additional help and support with working parties.

Road Repairs – L A Kattenhorn & Partners are the chosen contractor for the annual road repairs. Work will be agreed within the allocated budget of £8,000 for 2024, and the contractor can start work approx. 3 weeks from acceptance of quote.

Planning & Development – The ESL Team continues to monitor developments on the Estate working with homeowners and agents. New initiatives for surface water disposal are being trialled. ESL has actively objected to the Ancton Lane housing development and protested to Southern Water Future Growth Planning Team. There will be representation from the Estate at forthcoming public meetings.

West Sussex County Council ‘Operation Watershed’ Flood prevention project funding – The ESL Team is taking steps to proceed with an application to safeguard the integrity of the Elmer Ditch running through Sea Way/Elmer Close. The application needs to include a professional survey with costs met by ESL. The ESL Drainage Team is currently working with relevant professionals, agents and homeowners to progress the application.

Surface Water Drain Annual Jetting – Quotations are being obtained for the routine annual surface water drains assessment and clearance. Work will be scheduled when majority of the Autumn leaf fall has occurred.

Summer Security and Parking – Weekends turnarounds at Manor way entrance have been notably high and closure of The Layne entrance on guard days has significantly reduced the number of unauthorised parking reports received. The Team has liaised

with members regarding two reported driving offences. There will be some further training of Directors for One Parking Solution requirements. Members are advised that the final weekend of security guarding was cancelled due to poor weather forecast.

Sea Defences – ESL Team is engaged with the Environment Agency to promote the optimum scheme for future protection of the Estate. Later in the year, the EA intends to hold a public meeting to present options to residents. Date tbc.

Social Events – The Summer ‘Sausage Sizzle’ with live band on the Playing Field was a success with around 130 residents and their families enjoying the music and sunshine. £205 was raised for charity ‘My Sister’s House’. Thanks to all those who gave their voluntary time to this event. Next event MacMillan Coffee Morning. See separate poster.

Holiday Let Issues – In line with the Estate’s ‘Holiday Let Code of Conduct’ ESL has been liaising with neighbours and holiday let owners to resolve any issues reported during the summer.

Stable Field Yard Lease – The premises has been inspected and Lease renewed for a further two-year term with increase to rent and utility charges.

Gas Works – DJ Utilities have been working on the Estate at The Layne/Ancton Way junction area to complete the gas main replacement scheme.

Property Sales – ESL is working with members and agents to assist with property sale enquiries. Admin charges for Freehold Management Enquiries apply.

ESL Membership – Majority of Estate fees have been collected for 2024. Reminders have been issued where applicable.

Next formal Meeting 4th November.

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