

LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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**Next Regular Meeting -
7.30pm on 13th March 2019
at: 12 Micheldever Road SE12 8LX**

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

Notes of our Meeting on 13th February 2019

- Present:** Charles Batchelor, David Plumer, Mary Donovan, David Ford, Veronica Simmons, Patti Byford, Ralph White (Chairman), Barbara Bird, Suki Goodman and Sheila Peck (Secretary).
- Apologies:** Sylvia Ling, Rita Craft, Jim Mallory, Frances Migniuolo, Lorraine Burton (Treasurer), Gillian Deal and Sue Byford.

Matters Arising from December 2018 Minutes



Milestone: Local resident Mary Petty has suggested that the Milestone on Lee High Road (adjacent to Lenham Road) needs restoration. LMS is of the same view. It was probably installed in 1826 by the New Cross Turnpike and marks the distances from London Bridge and Foot's Cray and Ralph has agreed to get in touch with the Eltham Society who have restored Milestones in the same series to see if they can offer any advice. Coincidentally, an article by John Kennett on Milestones was published in the journal 'SEnine' in the February edition pp 16-17. <http://senine.co.uk/>

Planning – 80 Effingham Road: The Council accepted Charles' objection on behalf of the Society and did require the Applicant to amend the original proposal and was subsequently approved.

Planning – 75 Micheldever Road: This application was approved subject to conditions.

Ice House Rota and management

Dan has prepared the first draft of the proposed Rota for this year's openings which will require some minor amendments. David P. pointed out that it is very important that volunteers attend on their due date and if this is not possible, they must make alternative arrangements. Last year there was one occasion when no-one turned up and a few others when only one person turned up. It was agreed that the volunteers should contact one another a few days before their due date to confirm their availability.

Bowring Sports Field

The Planning Application for the building of the new school is currently with Royal Borough

of Greenwich and the GLA and it is anticipated that a Planning meeting will take place sometime in March; comments can be submitted to RBG until 10 days before the meeting. The Blackheath Society have already submitted a detailed objection and we have also objected supporting the Blackheath Society and added our specific concern over the potential flood risk to the Lee Manor Conservation Area if the integrity of the flood water storage facility is in any way degraded by the proposed construction.

Lewisham Heritage Strategy

This is a development statement which will look at parts of our environment which often get overlooked and it is basically a strong move by the Council to maintain interest in the history of the Borough of Lewisham. The Council have already produced an initial draft Statement and we have been invited to contribute. An abridged quote from an early draft: ‘The Lewisham Heritage Strategy will set out a framework which addresses three key themes: Understanding the borough’s Heritage, Valuing it both for its inherent value and for its economic potential, and bringing a Sense of Place to a wide audience through Celebration of what we have in the borough.’ Your Society is taking an active part in the discussions around this statement.

Permitted Development

The Enforcement Officers have pointed out that the remit of ‘permitted development’ that applies in Conservation Areas has been considerably loosened in some aspects which means there is no chance of opposition – proposals will be passed without the possibility of objection because there is a ‘presumption of development’. The Society has no issue with the desire of property owners to develop and modernise their assets but we do urge that a sense of proportion be maintained in the context of the Conservation area which is under continuous and serious risk of degradation.

AOB

Jeremy Carden: David P has let us know that Jeremy and Betty have left Manor Lane and moved to a Nursing Home in Canterbury at the end of last November. Jeremy was a highly valued member of LMS for many years and was responsible, amongst other things, for the preparation and production of the Society’s leaflets as well as for sister organisations including Friends of Manor House Gardens. We all congratulate Jeremy and Betty on their marriage and wish them all the best in their new home.

Friends of Manor House Gardens : Charles has been in touch with Paul Lowndes, the Friend’s Chairman, and has suggested we develop a Tree Policy relating to the judicious siting of new large ‘forest’ trees in Manor House Gardens, for which the street or a private garden would just not be a practicable location. Charles has prepared a draft map with suggested sites for future trees, and will also discuss the disease which is currently badly affecting the Horse Chestnuts.

Annual Plant Mart – for the Diary

Please note that we have agreed Saturday 25th May as the date for our annual fund raising event. Although yet to be confirmed, we may be temporarily restricted on space this year and will need to re-plan the layout. We would much appreciate it if you would start to think about your generous donations of plants! So please remember us when potting, planting, dividing and sowing – we shall be so grateful for anything surplus to your needs! More details to follow.



We thank Lee Green Community Centre for facilitating the meeting