

LEEMANOR SOCIETY



For further details on some of the topics below, visit <http://www.leemanorsociety.org>
Please consider changing to our email distribution – write to news@leemanorsociety.org

Next Regular Meeting
7.30pm on 15th March 2017
at: 12 Micheldever Road, SE12 8LX

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

Notes of our Meeting on 15th February 2017

Present: Ralph White (Chairman), David Plumer, David Ford, Patti Byford, Charles Batchelor, Suki Goodman, Veronica Simmonds and Sheila Peck (Secretary).

Apologies: Rita Craft, Judy Cole, Elisabeth Caulfield, Sylvia Ling, Pippa Bampton, Frances Mignuolo and Chris Peters.

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.

41 Manor Lane: Construction of a dormer window on the rear roof slope and the installation of roof lights to the front roof slope. - We agreed to check the details of the proposal with a view to lodging an objection to both aspects of the application.

49 Southbrook Road: Replacement of dormer windows on rear roof slope and installation of roof lights on front roof slope. - Again, we need to investigate the proposals further to ensure they will not affect the street view but we will undoubtedly oppose the front roof lights.

25 Southbrook Road: Construction of an infill double storey extension to the rear. - Further investigation will be undertaken with a view to lodging an objection because the policy to date has only favoured single story extensions.

Satellite Dishes

Ralph has undertaken a survey of the area and has prepared a list detailing the location of wrongly positioned satellite dishes – 71 in total. The list will be submitted to Lewisham Council with a request for confirmation of their views and procedures. Some have ‘grandfather rights’ because they were in place before the Conservation Area extension, but we do need to clarify what is Lewisham Council’s policy. Charles has already written to the Council asking for a meeting with Planning representatives and although we have not received a personal reply, we have subsequently been invited to meet with representatives from other Conservation Areas and senior Planning staff to discuss such matters on the 23 March.

Manor House and Library

The Council meeting at which they will make their final decision between the three contenders for the contract to run the Manor House and Library has again been delayed and will now take place on 22nd March. The 'handover' date remains the same – 1st April but this no longer seems practicable.

Ward Panel Meeting – Safer Neighbourhood Team

Charles and David Ford will attend an upcoming meeting with the Lee and Blackheath Safer Neighbourhood team where they hope to discuss, amongst other things, the enforcement of the recently imposed 20mph speed limit, the problems with cycling on pavements and reckless motor cycle riders. For future meetings, let us know your concerns.

Trees

Charles and David Ford have surveyed possible sites for planting the street trees for which we have obtained Assembly funding. We plan to plant a total of 14 trees – 10 using Assembly funds and 4 for which we have had offers of funding from residents. The trees will be planted in the 2017/18 winter season but they need to be ordered from the nursery well in advance. In most, and possibly all, cases the trees will be planted in the pavement where front gardens join so they do not stand directly in front of any house. We will also avoid blocking cross-overs where there is front garden parking. We will leaflet residents at the addresses involved to check there are no objections, although we hope not as street trees bring many benefits. The possible sites identified for planting are in front of the following addresses: 18-26 Woodyates Road, 60 and 81-83 Taunton Road, 8-10 and 9-11 Handen Road, 26-28 and 30-32 Aislibie Road, 26-28 and 43-45 Southbrook Road, 12-14 and 15-17 Brightfield Road and a site to be decided in Milborough Crescent. The Council do not have sufficient funds to provide street trees and so we would urge any residents willing to finance a street tree or trees to contact us. Two years ago residents of Effingham Road raised funds for a numbers of trees in their road.

Lee Green Consortium

Not all of the 2016-17 Lee Green Assembly funding was distributed - there was a residual amount to be allocated. Lee Green Lives is coordinating a consortium of local groups including Lee Manor Society, Lee Forum and Friends of Manor House Gardens and was successful in applying for funding, some of which will be used to support the provision of a marquee at this year's Manor House Gardens Festival on 24 June to enable the repeat of the presentations/advertising from local community groups which was a great success at last year's Festival.



Plant Mart – 13th May

Ralph reported that each of the households which facilitate our Annual Plant Mart in Micheldever Road has confirmed we can use their front gardens again this year. We hope that Conservation Area residents are already preparing to produce extra plants which will be put on sale!

AGM – 17th May

In view of the closeness of the date to the changeover in management of the Library we have decided to look for an alternative venue for this year's AGM.

We thank Charles for hosting the meeting.