

LEE VALLEY REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

**ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY MEETING
25 JUNE 2015**

Members Present: Paul Osborn (Vice Chairman) Ross Houston
David Andrews Heather Johnson
Kathy Bee Christopher Kennedy
John Bevan John Knapman
Stephen Carr Gordon Nicholson
Malcolm Cowan Mary Sartin
Ricki Gadsby Alan Searing
Linda Haysey Syd Stavrou
Derek Levy (Deputy for Christine Hamilton)
Mari Stevenson (Deputy for Graham McAndrew)

Apologies Received: Derrick Ashley, Christine Hamilton, Gwyneth Deakins, Valerie Metcalfe, Denise Jones, Gerry Lyons, Sarah McDermott, Graham McAndrew, Ellie Robinson, Alan Smith, Simon Walsh, Lyn White

Officers Present: Shaun Dawson - Chief Executive
Beryl Foster - Director of Corporate Services
Simon Sheldon - Director of Finance & Resources
Nick Powell - Property Surveyor
Dan Buck - Head of Sport & Leisure
Jon Carney - Head of Parklands
Stephen Wilkinson - Head of Planning & Strategic Partnerships
Alice Twomey - Solicitor
Sandra Bertschin - Committee & Members' Services Manager

Part I

59 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Name	Agenda Item No.	Nature of Interest	
Gordon Nicholson	8	Councillor in which the site is located	<i>Non-Pecuniary</i>
Alan Searing	8	Knows vendor and one of the external surveyors	<i>Non-Pecuniary</i>

60 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 30 April 2014 be approved and signed.

61 PUBLIC SPEAKING

No requests from the public to speak or present petitions had been received for this meeting.

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62 EXEMPT ITEMS

THAT based on the principles of Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the items of business below on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information again on the principles as defined in those sections of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act indicated:

Agenda Item No	Subject	Exempt Information Section Number
8	Possible Acquisition of Waverley Nursery (H Dent & Sons), Wharf Road	3

63 PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF WAVERLEY NURSERY (H DENT & SONS), WHARF ROAD Paper A/4210/15

The report was introduced by Beryl Foster, Director of Corporate Services.

Member discussion included the following issues:

- impact on the local area of potential works by Network Rail;
- contaminated land risks;
- the need for a detailed strategic plan for the area to enable access to external funding sources and to ensure the best use of the Authority's land holdings;
- the implications and liabilities of retaining lawful use for waste transfer purposes;
- funding options for the land purchase;
- the need for liaison with the Environment Agency;
- the impact on available funding to support other high priority projects;
- the expectations of the vendor in regard to his request to stay at the site after completion for an unspecified period to be agreed; and
- the retention on completion of some of the purchase price to ensure clearance of the site to the Authority's satisfaction.

It was agreed that further detailed negotiations were required with the vendor to maximise value for money for the Authority and to mitigate some of the concerns and risks raised by Members and that a further report should be submitted to Members for consideration prior to acquisition.

On a vote, with 3 Members against (including Stephen Carr) and 1 abstention (Gordon Nicholson):

- (1) **the in principle acquisition of the area of land shown hatched in red in Appendix A of Paper A/4210/15, subject to the concerns raised by Members being addressed; and**
- (2) **that a further report will go to an Authority Meeting before proceeding with any acquisition was approved.**

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Chairman

Date

The meeting started at 11.00am and ended at 11.55am.