

SEDBERGH PARISH COUNCIL – 13 July 2017

Queen's Gardens

Friends of Queen's Garden group:

The last meeting of the group took place on 5 July.

The Constitution of the group was formally adopted (copy attached).

David Parratt was appointed as Chair and Robin Archer as Secretary and the meeting agreed that they be put forward to be co-opted onto the Council's Queen's Gardens Committee. A Management Committee of 8 members was also formed to guide the development and future working of the group.

It is hoped that Hilary Taylor will be able to visit the gardens in the near future to discuss with members of the Friends group a number of tasks that might be undertaken in the coming months. Members are anxious to undertake practical works (such as removal of brambles and clearance of waste material) as soon as possible.

An article on the Friends of Queen's Garden group appeared in the June edition of 'The Lookaround' and it is hoped to expand the membership as the Group develops.

A resolution of the Parish Council is required to formally co-opt David Parratt and Robin Archer as members of the Queen's Gardens Committee (as provided for by Standing Order 4(b))

Hilary Taylor's Report and possible bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund:

The final version of the report (incorporating some minor amendments) has now been completed and will be placed on the Council's website in due course. A paper copy has been deposited in the Parish Council office at 72 Main Street.

The report is an essential pre-requisite of any further approach to the Heritage Lottery Fund if funding is to be assembled to enable restoration/conservation works to be undertaken. The timescale for such a bid was discussed briefly at the Friends group meeting when it was agreed that, if possible, the initial enquiry should be submitted within the next few months with a view to, hopefully, securing a visit to Sedbergh of the relevant officer of the HLF before the onset of winter. A positive response would enable a formal bid to be submitted in the Spring of 2018.

Gardener/Handyperson vacancy:

The job advert appeared in the July edition of the 'Lookaround'. The closing date for applications is 24 July. The Friends group have emphasised the importance of developing a close working relationship with whoever is appointed.