



## Special General Meeting of Plot Holders Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### Trustees Present

Lyndon Taylor – Chair of Trustees (LT)  
 John Bickley (JB)  
 Stephen Parsons (SP)  
 Phil Hallman (PH)  
 Oliver Jones (OJ)

### Staff

Lynsey Kidd (LK)  
 Sharon Dilnot (SD)

### Trustee Apologies

### Volunteers

Paul rogers (PR)

Good evening and welcome.

Introductions were made, staff present were introduced and announcement that Lyndon is the Chair of the Trustees and will chair this meeting.

Statement made that today's SGM has been called as directed by the motion of last year's O.G.Me an orderly and fair meeting. Questions for the Trustees will be answered by Lyndon, John and Steve. Lynsey Kidd will be taking the minutes.

This SGM has a single resolution to be discussed and voted on. This is not a re-run of the issues debated and decided at the 2 General meetings last September. The resolution has been circulated to all Plot Owners. Everyone at the meeting was asked to verify that they had seen the resolution, all agreed, yes, they have seen the resolution.

Ground rules were set.

All plot owners were advised not to waste everyone's time going over old ground. Finally, the voting will take place by a combination of proxy votes and ballot card with the options for, against, abstain. All voting papers will be placed in the box on the trustee table once they have been filled in. All voting will be scrutinised by Paul Rogers, he has already looked at the proxy votes and scrutinised those to ensure everything is compliant to reassure all Plot Owners that everything is fair.

The meeting is only to discuss the resolution. Plot owners were asked if anyone would like to speak in favour of the motion?

Noone wished to speak.

Plot owners were asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition of the motion?

Several plot owners wished to speak.

I am Chris Hardy, Mr Hardy is against the motion, he expressed his concern regarding the costs of obtaining the Squirrel's building back for the use of plot owners. His concern regarding rates, utility costs to change the inside/outside along with reinstatement costs will fall to plot owner's fees should the building use return to DPML. Mr Hardy advised that his views had previously been shared with Mr Paul Matthew's and the Trustees. He feels the current area DPML have is underutilised he told of the current services such as birthday parties, singing, coffee machines being available within the current buildings held by DPML.

Speaker  
Lyndon Taylor

Chris Hardy

<p>Gary Spencer a resident on the park wished to speak. His initial question was to Mr Paul Matthews he wished for Mr Matthews to explain his standing in the working party and how some members of the working party went out of their way to support the resolution. He was assured supporters of the squirrels would be on the working party.</p>	<p>Gary Spencer</p>
<p>Trustee John Bickley told of how the working party was run by plot owners. The working party leadership was delegated to Paul Matthews by the trustees, Paul has done an excellent job on terms of the resolution.</p>	<p>John Bickley</p>
<p>Carolyn wished for the trustees to confirm what elements of the costs of the squirrels building are being paid by plot owners. She asked if the roof required repairs would plot owners pay?</p>	<p>Carolyn Beamson</p>
<p>Lyndon Taylor confirmed that the Squirrels pay gas and Delamere Park pay the electric and water costs. The rates for the building are currently set at nil. Lyndon advised that the rates for the building would be £1000 to a maximum of £1500 with £1000 relief. Squirrels to date have paid for internal costs to the building.</p>	<p>Lyndon Taylor</p>
<p>Mr Stewart asked the question would you vote for proposition without an open cheque book?</p>	<p>Frank Stewart</p>
<p>David Houghton a resident of Delamere Park asked the trustees to explain why they have no costings regarding squirrels?</p>	<p>David Houghton</p>
<p>John Bickley advised that there are lots of ideas for the lodge which have been discussed by the working party. All of which are for the enjoyment of DPML plot Owners.</p>	<p>John Bickley</p>
<p>David Houghton -not for enjoyment of running entity.</p>	<p>David Houghton</p>
<p>Lyndon Taylor discussed the costing of the building and advised that if the rate bill is under 10k there would be no rate costs.</p>	<p>Lyndon Taylor</p>
<p>Sue asked why are we discussing the resolution when squirrels have left the building?</p>	<p>Sue Wilson</p>
<p>Lyndon Taylor agreed it was an interesting point to make. He discussed the motion from last year's O.G.M and how the trustees are following that motion.</p>	<p>Lyndon Taylor</p>
<p>Chris told how he thought a costing should be produced when presenting a proposal. He raised his concerns with the proxy votes.</p>	<p>Chris Hardy</p>
<p>Richard told how he feels the club/bar facilities are unused and feels people should be encouraged to use the facilities.</p>	<p>Richard Jennings</p>
<p>Elizabeth wanted all present to know how much of their own time the trustees give to DPML unpaid &amp; feels strongly that they should all be appreciated for the work they do for the park.</p>	<p>Elizabeth Taylor</p>
<p>Meeting closed</p>	

<b>To</b>		
For	56	(made up of 35 votes on the night plus proxy votes)
Against	28	(made up of 28 votes on the night)
Abstain	2	( made up of votes on the night )
<b>Result</b>	<b>For</b>	

--	--



--	--