

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WORKING GROUP MEETING – 13 JANUARY 2023

At the remote meeting of the Recreational Facilities Working Group held by video conference on Friday 13 January 2023, the following Councillors were present:-

Mrs J Leggett – Chairperson

Mr M A Booth - Ms D Coleman
Mr M G Callam - Mr W F Couzens

In attendance

Mr G Ranaweera - Town Clerk and Responsible
Financial Officer

23/001. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr J H Mallen.

23/002. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 21 NOVEMBER 2022

Minutes of the meeting held on 21 November 2022 were agreed without amendment:

23/003. MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising.

23/004. VIKING CENTRE

Councillors were advised the consultation period for statutory consultees had closed. One comment had been received from Norfolk County Council Highways requesting clarification on the extent of the car park. Jason Menezes Bidwells LLP was liaising with them.

Councillors requested the removal of the For Sale sign and proposed a banner be erected with the wording Acquired by Sprowston Town Council.

23/005. BROADLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL BEESTON PARK DEVELOPMENT

Mrs J Leggett reported a stakeholder meeting had been held with district councillors to bring them up to date with the Beeston Park development.

She was interested to see how soon discussions would commence on public open space and the sharing of public open space.

Mr W F Couzens felt there were still some urgent issues to be resolved with regard to management, financial responsibilities and potential boundary changes.

23/005. BROADLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL BEESTON PARK DEVELOPMENT (CONTINUED)

Mrs J Leggett suggested Council flag up the problems encountered with Atlantic Avenue given Beeston Park will be a prolonged development. She speculated if it was possible to handover individual phases as they were completed.

Ms D Coleman questioned the existence of a timeline for developers to provide recreational facilities, road infrastructure, drainage etc. when planning permission was granted.

The Town Clerk wondered if there was any facility through planning conditions to put the onus on developers to ensure there was adequate gritting, dog waste bin services etc. until such a time the roads were adopted.

Ms D Coleman felt all green and recreational spaces should be completed on all developments before building commenced.

Mr W F Couzens and Mrs J Leggett to raise these issues at future meetings with District Council officers and developers.

23/006. SUMMER FETE - 2023

Councillors discussed various sponsorship options and suggested:

- up to £100.00 - named sponsor on programme;
- £101.00 to £150.00 - named sponsor on programme and verbal promotion by compare;
- £151.00 plus - all the above plus standard size banner (provided by sponsor).

Town Clerk to produce a sponsorship scale of fees.

23/007. CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III - CELEBRATION EVENT

Councillors considered Mrs J Leggett's proposed coronation trail report and a number of ideas were discussed including:

- Total prize value of £60.00;
- Gold, Silver, Bronze and Highly commended categories;
- Council's Choice winner;
- Window stickers or certificates advertising gold, silver, bronze winner or highly commended;

**23/007. CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III - CELEBRATION EVENT
(CONTINUED)**

- Voting slip attached to list of registered participants with collection boxes at the Council Office, Sprowston Diamond Centre, Sprowston Library and other locations considered suitable;
- On-line voting.

23/008 TREE GRANT AND WWI COMMEMORATIVE TREES

Following discussion, it was proposed:

- to plant approximately three large specimen trees surrounded by a variety of saplings and seeded with poppies in each identified location within the four wards;
- information boards to display general information;
- to seek funding from available sources;
- to plant in November 2023;
- Mr M A Booth to research a suitable plaque and wording.

23/009. REWILDING VERGES

The Town Clerk explained photographs attached to Councillors agenda were of areas he considered might be suitable for growing wild flowers whilst making better use of the land.

Councillors put forward additional areas for planting of wild flowers or native bulbs as follows:

- Junction of Varvel Avenue with Tiercel Avenue;
- Harrisons Drive;
- Greenborough Road;
- Church Lane at the junction with St. Margarets Drive;
- Church Lane adjacent the allotment site.

Ms D Coleman said she would like to promote the re-wilding scheme on Cozens Hardy Road and Colindeep Lane.

The Town Clerk advised Council had agreed to trial the re-wilding scheme for one year and it was now subject to review.

23/009. REWILDING VERGES (CONTINUED)

Ms D Coleman commented on the damage gas works were having on verges in Sprowston and how she would like residents to be permitted to re-wild them.

The Town Clerk said any planting on verges could not affect safety and must be transversable however, he saw no reason why low planting would not be acceptable. Although he felt Norfolk County Council Highways would need persuasion.

Ms D Coleman reported wild orchids were growing in the Diamond Field and continually mowed with the grass. She had noticed an area not used for recreational purposes or car parking suitable for transplanting these orchids and planting wild flowers.

The Town Clerk agreed this area could be enclosed for re-wilding.

23/010. WHITE HOUSE FARM PLAY EQUIPMENT, SKATE PARK

The Town Clerk reported Broadland District Council officers had met with developers prior to Christmas.

Developers will be submitting landscaping plans, and screening the soil on area L5 however, not levelling the land to the degree Council wanted.

Developers are currently waiting on landscaping conditions to be approved. Once approved he would hold another meeting with both Broadland District Council officers and developers to establish timeframes.

The approved development plan will be included in the Deed of Variation when hopefully realistic dates for transfer can be discussed.

23/011. BARKERS LANE SHELTER

Sprowston Youth Engagement Project (SYEP) is still looking for a Graffiti artist. Mrs J Leggett to raise at the next SYEP trustee meeting and pursue lottery funding.

23/012. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Existing items.

23/013. AOB

Ms D Coleman asked about the potential for a woodland burial site in the Council's cemetery extension.

The Town Clerk to clarify regulations regarding burial grounds.

23/013. AOB (CONTINUED)

Mrs J Leggett advised she had been approached about rewilding on Roundtree Way to link the woodland adjacent Sapphire House with Mousehold.

She questioned if there was more potential in linking this area to Harrisons Woodland.

It was agreed to add this subject to a future agenda of the group.

23/014. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Friday 10 February 2023 commencing 4.00pm.