

**RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WORKING GROUP MEETING – 21 NOVEMBER
2022**

At the remote meeting of the Recreational Facilities Working Group held by video conference on Monday 21 November 2022, the following Councillors were present:-

Mrs J Leggett – Chairperson

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

In attendance

Mr G Ranaweera	-	Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
Mr M A Booth	-	Cllr. Sprowston North East Ward

22/134. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr J H Mallen.

22/135. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 24 OCTOBER 2022

Minutes of the meeting held on 24 October 2022 were agreed without amendment:

22/136. MATTERS ARISING

The Town Clerk reported he had submitted a revised tree grant application to Broadland District Council to cover the entire cost of hedge planting at the Diamond Field. The community planting event to be held 26 November 2022.

22/137. VIKING CENTRE

The Town Clerk confirmed final renders and plans had been drawn up by Council's architects in accordance with the ground floor plan agreed by full Council.

He was expecting the final information pack during the week and following a thorough inspection he hoped to submit it to the Planning Authority the following week.

It was anticipated opening works would commence in April 2023.

22/138. BROADLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL BEESTON PARK DEVELOPMENT

Mr W F Couzens updated Councillors on a meeting he attended with the Town Clerk and Broadland District Council officers Chris Raine and Emily Lipscomb.

22/138. BROADLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL BEESTON PARK DEVELOPMENT (CONTNUED)

Referring to changes to the documentation relating to Beeston Park resulting from various items being removed from the plans; assurance had been given that cross referencing had caused the large number of documents to be produced.

Only areas of land belonging to existing properties had been removed from the plans and no other changes. However, this did reduce the amount of open space available.

There is a section of land to the east of the park which has been fenced off, apparently this is also private land not previously enclosed.

There will be ongoing discussions on how the site is to be managed.

Mrs J Leggett explained Norfolk County Council had land for sale in Sprowston which had been confirmed as part of the Beeston Park development.

Stakeholder meetings will be held with Sprowston, Old Catton and Beeston. Separate meetings with Sprowston Town Council were also welcome.

22/139. SUMMER FETE - 2023

Having considered the draft letter and list of businesses produced by Ms D Coleman Councillors discussed:

- inclusion of less expensive items for sponsorship;
- advertising by means of hoardings, banners, programmes and Sprowston Matters;
- additional businesses to be approached;
- different sponsorship and advertising packages to be available, dependant on patron;
- requests for sponsorship to be sent early in the New Year.

It was agreed Councillors to send their suggestions to the Town Clerk on businesses to be added to the existing list.

Full Council would need to approve any sponsorship request letter before it could be sent out.

22/140. CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III - CELEBRATION EVENT

Mr M G Callam reported the Anglican Church would be live screening the Coronation of King Charles III at St. Cuthberts Church supported by all the Churches.

It was suggested this be advertised in Sprowston Matters.

22/140. CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III - CELEBRATION EVENT (CONTINUED)

A Monarch related trail across Sprowston was discussed and Mrs J Leggett offered to prepare a paper on how this could be implemented, to be presented at a future meeting of the group.

22/141. TREE GRANT

Following discussion, it was resolved to:

- complete a site survey before deciding on a recommendation to full Council on the number, type and size of trees to be planted in each location in the four wards;
- recommend listing individual names and rank;
- recommend seeking funding from the Norfolk County Council tree planting initiative and Queens Green Canopy;
- recommend including watering bags, tree protection etc. in the application for funding;
- plant in November 2023 subject to full Council approval.

Ms D Coleman asked for volunteers to help with planting of hedging whips at the Diamond Field on Saturday 26 November 2022.

Mr M A Booth, Mr W F Couzens and Mrs J Leggett confirmed they were available to assist.

Mr W F Couzens advised he had been invited to switch on the Christmas lights in Glenburn Avenue.

22/142. WHITE HOUSE FARM PLAY EQUIPMENT, SKATE PARK

The Town Clerk reported that officers from Broadland District Council were arranging a meeting with developers and would take this opportunity to relay the Town Council's views. It was noted that Council might have to compromise on the extent to which area L5 could be levelled, however at a minimum the soil would be sifted.

22/143. BARKERS LANE SHELTER

Clare Lincoln (Sprowston Youth Engagement Project) is in the process of obtaining another quotation for painting of a mural on the shelter.

Having contacted Amy Williams, Pride of Place Manager Broadland District Council, Mr W F Couzens had been advised no funding was available. Amy had suggested applying to the Sir Norman Lamb Foundation and Norfolk Community Foundation. He had passed details of these organisations to

22/143. BARKERS LANE SHELTER (CONTINUED)

Clare Lincoln who was already in the process of applying to them for funding of other projects.

Mrs J Leggett offered to enquire if there was funding available from the Community at Heart Lottery.

It was noted no further complaints had been received about anti-social behaviour at Barkers Lane open space.

22/144. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Ms D Coleman said she had been contacted by the Norfolk Wildlife Trust to talk to their groups in Sewell and Mile Cross as they had taken on responsibility for marshes adjacent Sweet Briar Road. The trust had expressed how impressed they were with the Town Council's pioneering rewilding verges project.

She requested an item be placed on the next agenda to promote, revamp and perhaps extend the rewilding project in preparation for next spring and summer.

Norfolk Wildlife Trust had enquired as to what contracts and licences were required.

Town Clerk to send documentation relating to the Town Council's re-wilding scheme to Ms D Coleman.

22/145. AOB

Responding to a Councillors' question the Town Clerk agreed to take advice from the Head Groundsman as to the likely survival rate of the non-intensively planted trees in the tiny forest. He also advised that some vandalism had occurred with fencing removed and saplings uprooted.

Mr W F Couzens, supported by Mr M G Callam proposed Mr M A Booth join the Recreational Facilities Working group. This would have to be resolved by full Council and it was agreed to place an item on the agenda for Council meeting to be held 14 December 2022.

22/146. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Friday 13 January 2023 commencing 4.00pm.