

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WORKING GROUP MEETING – 23 MAY 2023

At the remote meeting of the Recreational Facilities Working Group held by video conference on Tuesday 23 May 2023, the following Councillors were present:-

Mrs J Leggett – Chairperson

Cllr. B Baby - Cllr. M G Callam
Cllr. M A Booth - Cllr. W F Couzens
Cllr. S D Booth - Cllr. D Coleman
Cllr. J H Mallen

In attendance

Mr G Ranaweera - Town Clerk and Responsible
Financial Officer

23/053. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. A R Tipple.

23/054. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 11 APRIL 2023

Minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2023 were agreed subject to the following amendment:

Apologies for absence **delete** Mr J H Mallen and **insert** Mr M G Callam

Minute 23/041, **delete** Mr. J H Mallen.

Minute 23/045 delete Mr Reins and insert Mr Raine

23/055. MATTERS ARISING

Minute 23/049, Barkers Lane Shelter - Completed

Minute 23/051 (5.1), Diamond Field Re-wilding - SYEP have removed their goal posts.

Minute 23/051 (5.2), Diamond Field Re-wilding - an item would be placed on the agenda of the next Full Council meeting

23/056. TERMS OF REFERENCE

Members of the working group recommended the following amendments to the Terms of Reference to be approved by Full Council:

(1) First paragraph include; “This is a non-decision-making group.”

(2) Amend item 8. “To regularly report available options to the Town Council.”

23/057. VIKING CENTRE

Plans to be updated with revisions and Jason Menezes of Bidwells be invited to a future meeting of Full Council.

23/058. BROADLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL BEESTON PARK DEVELOPMENT

Cllr. W F Couzens reported on a conference call he attended with regard to Beeston Park, advising issues around Nutrient Neutrality had been resolved and plans were being considered by Natural England.

He had requested provision of a health centre and the Town Clerk asked for provision of allotments.

Cllr. M A Booth agreed to pursue Broadland District Council to initiate stakeholder meetings and to liaise with planning officers.

23/059. SUMMER FETE - 2023

The Town Clerk confirmed volunteers would be needed to:

- (1) Man, the gates at Edwards Road and Recreation Ground Road for stallholders' arrival and to advise visitors of alternative parking arrangements. On-site parking would be for stallholders and Blue Badge Holders only;
- (2) Supervise numbers of children on inflatables;
- (3) Assemble and dismantle all equipment and signage associated with the fete;

Cllr. J H Mallen offered to try and find volunteers to help man the car parks and bouncy castle.

It was agreed that:

- (1) A map and list of jobs for individuals be available prior to the event;
- (2) To place more visible signage at the Diamond Field;
- (3) To prepare a programme for visitors with site plan, location of information station, times of events etc;
- (4) Reissue postmortem notes to Councillors;
- (5) Notify residents of Neville Road and Recreation Ground Road of the date of fete and likely impact on roadside parking;
- (6) To organise more refreshment stalls than previous year if possible;
- (7) The next edition of Sprowston Matters to advertise the summer fete including the variety of stalls available and likelihood of cash sales.

23/059. SUMMER FETE – 2023 (CONTINUED)

Cllr. J Leggett commented that traditional games had proved very popular at a recent local fete i.e., catching the duck, splat the rat, crazy golf.

23/060. WHITE HOUSE FARM PLAY EQUIPMENT, SKATE PARK

Cllr. W F Couzens reported on his participation in a conference call with Chris Raine where the potential for a pedestrian crossing to be installed on Atlantic Avenue was discussed. Mr Raine suggested this was unlikely until the Avenue was adopted however, should Council want to further this idea and developers were in agreement then it could be possible.

Currently there is no safe crossing between the businesses on one side of the road and residential properties on the other side of the road.

It was felt that any success in providing a pedestrian crossing would rely heavily on the support of the County Councillor representing this area. Mrs J Leggett to discuss with County Councillor J F Fisher.

Mr W F Couzens commented on the lack of progress on all amenity and play areas in the White House Farm development.

The Town Clerk said he had pursued this with developers who had responded as follows:

- (1) L5, the large park behind White House Farm School footpath works were underway and play equipment contractors were due onsite this week;
- (2) L6 and L7 land behind Tesco Stores were waiting planning approval. Once approved work in these areas will be carried out following completion of works in L5 and L15. One of these areas is for installation of a MUGA and the other an open amenity space with planting.
- (3) L18 skate park developers had received quotations to clear this land and when completed will be ready to hand over to Council;
- (4) L17 has been recently cleared and top soil added. The landscape contractor is due to seed and plant this month;

Councillors discussed S106 receipts. It was noted that whilst the 5-year period to spend the Blue Boar Lane S106 receipts Broadland District Council had made an agreement with Norfolk Homes for this to be held towards funding the skate park;

Resolved the Town Clerk to invite developers to a Full Council meeting.

Mr M G Callam questioned if the planning application to build a temporary car park for show homes on land designated as open space at Salhouse Road had been determined.

Town Clerk to verify.

23/061. TREE GRANT AND WWI COMMEMORATIVE TREES

Councillors discussed possible funding avenues for the purchase of trees to commemorate the great war including grants and Community Infrastructure Levy.

Cllr. D Coleman offered to investigate funding opportunities and write an article for inclusion in Sprowston Matters informing residents of the Councils idea.

It was felt that once funding had been secured Councillors could determine how many trees could be purchased.

Cllr. Coleman advised Councillors of a charity set up in collaboration with DEFRA and other groups offering people joining the scheme an opportunity to sponsor trees on the highway and parks. She would send a link with details to members of the working group.

Cllr. Coleman also said she had carried out a leaflet drop on Cozens Hardy Road and Colindeep Lane resulting in three more residents asking to join the rewilding scheme. She asked if the scheme could be expanded to other appropriate parts of Sprowston.

Resolved to recommend to Full Council the re-wilding scheme be expanded to other appropriate parts of the Town.

23/062. AOB

(1) Café

To be revisited following the summer fete.

(2) Diamond Field

Cllr. Coleman requested a community weed and mulch be organised for the newly planted hedge at the Diamond Field.

Resolved to recommend to Full Council a community weed and mulch session at the Diamond Field.

(3) Running Track

Cllr. Coleman asked for the running track to be re-mown at Barkers Lane open space to which the Town Clerk responded this was already in hand.

23/063. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 15 June 2023 at 6.30pm.