

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WORKING GROUP MEETING – 15 JUNE 2023

At the remote meeting of the Recreational Facilities Working Group held by video conference on Thursday 15 June 2023, the following Councillors were present:-

Mrs J Leggett – Chairperson

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

In attendance

Mr G Ranaweera	-	Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
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23/064. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

23/065. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 23 MAY 2023

Minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2023 were unavailable.

23/066. VIKING CENTRE

The Town Clerk reported Jason Menezes of Bidwells will be in attendance at the Full Council meeting to be held on 28 June 2023. Updated plans will be included with the agenda. Council will be asked to sign off the final design in preparation of the next stages which is to prepare a specification for tendering and then out to tender.

23/067. BROADLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL BEESTON PARK DEVELOPMENT

Cllr. W F Couzens reported on a conference call he attended with regard to Beeston Park and White House Farm developments, advising:

- (1) Nutrient Neutrality is with Natural England to sign off the methodology.
- (2) There was discussion about the east west link (Salhouse Road to the Airport) varying speed limits and 40mph limit adjacent residential properties.
- (3) The lead promoter for the Beeston Park development is not yet known.
- (4) A pedestrian crossing on Atlantic Avenue will not be considered until a new planning application is submitted for the north side of the road.

It was noted that the shopping centre at White House Farm could fund the pedestrian crossing.

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(CONTINUED)**

- (5) At the meeting the Town Clerk had made it clear that Council would like a dedicated cycle path along the east west link.
- (6) It was noted White House Farm School was an academy and effectively a private school.

23/068. SUMMER FETE - 2023

The Town Clerk reported:

- (1) He had 30 confirmed stalls. Despite early contact some people had chosen to attend the two-day Worstead and Gorleston-on-Sea Festivals;
- (2) Tables and chairs were booked;
- (3) He was in search of a tent supplier;
- (4) So far, performances in the Arena included Baton Twirlers, acrobats and theatre performers. Cllr. Couzens had sent further suggestion for potential acts;
- (5) He intended organise another mail shot to promote the general stalls;
- (6) A temporary event licence to be arranged;

It was noted there was an article advertising the fete in Just Sprowston.

There was discussion on potential purchase of tents, hire from Norwich Camping and Leisure or borrowing from the Scout Group.

Cllr. J H Mallen commented:

- (1) Mowers had agreed to prepare banners for the fete.
- (2) Steve Whiting will provide hay bales.
- (3) As many volunteers as possible are required so shifts can be kept at two to three hours.
- (4) Given the wide age range of young people wanting to play on the bouncy castles perhaps there should be set times.
- (5) It is important to have a site map, information point, stallholders to arrive within an allotted time, greater number of ice cream and refreshment suppliers and the music not to clash with the PA system.

Cllr. M G Callam suggested restricting use of inflatables by height as an option to ensure safety of users.

23/068. SUMMER FETE – 2023 (CONTINUED)

The Town Clerk advised he had given suppliers a list of Council's requirements and was trying to segregate age groups by offering a range of inflatables. He was waiting for a response with regard to specific toddler equipment.

Cllr. D Coleman said she could organise some volunteers depending on the activity and asked for a rota of tasks.

Cllr. W F Couzens proposed asking the SYEP Youth Ambassadors to assist.

The Town Clerk confirmed SYEP were already providing free activities at the fete however, he would enquire if they had any spare capacity.

Volunteers for the fete include:

Cllr. M A Booth
Cllr. S D Booth
Cllr. D Coleman and Mr R Coleman
Cllr. J Leggett and Mr R Leggett
Cllr. M G Callam

Town Clerk reported only one refreshment vendor selling teas and coffees had been sourced. The Mothers Union and WI had already reserved their stalls.

Councillors suggested the Girl Guides might be interested in providing refreshments from Sprowston Pavilion.

Cllr. M G Callam said the churches had booked a stall. The methodist church would be offering temporary tattoos and craft activities, the other churches various games.

23/069. WHITE HOUSE FARM PLAY EQUIPMENT, SKATE PARK

The Town Clerk presented a map of the White House Farm development amenity spaces.

Cllr. W F Couzens reported:

Area L5 - open space and play area has been ploughed, most of the vegetation removed and land levelled. Play equipment and railings installed although fenced off, and pathway and seating provided.

Area L15 - open space and play area the play equipment has been installed albeit fenced off, dog bin and benches provided.

He did not feel areas L5 and L15 would be available for use by the summer holidays as seeded too late although the NEAP and LEAP might be.

23/069. WHITE HOUSE FARM PLAY EQUIPMENT, SKATE PARK (CONTINUED)

Areas L16 and 17 - wild flower areas have been griddled, levelled and seeded.

Area L18 - open space, car park and skate park should be ready by the Autumn.

Area L6 - Multi Use Games Area including basketball, netball and 5 aside football.

Area L7 - open space he was not sure when this area will be ready.

Cllr. D Coleman raised concern with regard to potential home owners being notified of the location of the skate park.

It was noted there would be a bund between (L18) play area and TW4 (residential properties) on the map.

23/070. TREE GRANT AND WWI COMMEMORATIVE TREES

Cllr. D Colman had previously circulated a list of possible funding sources.

Having looked into the various sources the Town Clerk recommended the Broadland District Council and Woodland Trust schemes as the most suitable.

Cllr. J Leggett advised grants were also available from Veolia Community Fund for sustainable activities. Trees were not precluded.

Resolved to recommend to Council:

- (1) The planting of Oak, Horse Chestnut, London Plane, Rowan and Maple trees.
- (2) The location in the North East Ward to be L5 on the White House Farm Estate.
- (3) Town Clerk to apply for funding

23/071. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Resolved:

- (1) Members of the working group to read through the plan, identify new actions to be included and completed activities to be deleted for consideration at the next meeting of the group.
- (2) Neighbourhood Plan to be reviewed by Full Council.

23/072. AOB

(1) Café

If a potential vendor was identified during the fete the Town Clerk would shortlist them for running the proposed Barista at Sprowston Recreation Ground.

(2) Potential Funding Sources

Cllr. W F Couzens reported there were other potential funding sources including:

(a) Pride of Place

Phase one is open to applications, phase two is closing on 28 July 2023. There is £2.6b available across the county to design “What Would Make Your Place a Better Place to Live” and “To Grow Communities”.

Cllr. M A Booth advised he was meeting with Andy Sexton responsible for running the scheme.

(b) County Ownership Fund

Run by Tanya Nelson. Grants might be available to help with the re-development of the Viking Centre or purchase of land. Applications to be made by 31 July 2023.

There was discussion on whether land could be purchased within the Beeston Park development. Cllr W F Couzens said in view of a Land Promotor being sought it could be assumed that parcels of land were still available to purchase, albeit at a premium price.

(1) Diamond Field

Cllr. D Coleman:

(a) Requested a date for a weed and mulch community event.

It was agreed that once the mulch had been ordered and delivered the Town Clerk liaise with Cllr. Coleman.

(b) Said she would circulate photos of the Bee Orchids in the Diamond Field to Councillors.

(c) Asked if an adapter could be supplied for the IBC to allow the filling of containers with water.

(d) Requested the IBC be filled on the trailer and re-located nearer the hedge.

23/072. AOB (CONTINUED)

Town Clerk to discuss with the Head groundsman.

23/073. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 4 July 2023 at 4.30pm.