

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WORKING GROUP MEETING – 4 JULY 2023

At the remote meeting of the Recreational Facilities Working Group held by video conference on Tuesday 4 July 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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23/074. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

23/075. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 23 MAY 2023 AND 15 JUNE 2023

Minutes of the meetings held on 23 May 2023 and 15 June 2023 were approved without amendment.

23/076. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. W F Couzens to contact Shayne Stork with regard to additional acts for the arena, summer fete 2023.

Cllr. M A Booth to pursue stakeholder meetings with Broadland District Council.

Cllr. J Leggett had raised the issue of a pedestrian crossing at Atlantic Avenue with County Councillor John Fisher and will follow this up.

The Town Clerk confirmed the IBN adaptor for the Diamond field had been ordered however not yet received.

Cllr. D Coleman reported the School Lane side of the Diamond field had been weeded and detritus taken away by grounds staff.

The Town Clerk advised mulch had been ordered and was expected to arrive in two weeks. This will be stored ready for collection at a convenient time.

There was discussion on whether to re-mulch in the Autumn when replacing the dead trees however it was agreed to mulch now.

23/076. MATTERS ARISING (CONTINUED)

In response to a question from Cllr. M Callam the Town Clerk replied, part of the green space on the Salhouse Road development had been granted planning permission to become a temporary car park for the show homes.

It was felt this should be carefully monitored to ensure the temporary car park was returned to open space.

23/077. VIKING CENTRE

Mrs J Leggett referred to the presentation given by Jason Menezes at Full Council meeting and reiterated the timeline as follows:

July - Mechanical and Electrical, Design and Tender
August - Tender for the build
September - View tenders and agree a price
October - Select contractor
November - Commence work
May 2024 - Completion

Resolved the Town Clerk to organise a banner with appropriate wording to advertise the redevelopment and opening of the Viking Centre.

Cllr. M A Booth said he had spoken to Andy Sexton Pride in Place who confirmed the Council was eligible for a grant towards advertising the opening of the Viking Centre. Details of the grant had been forwarded to the Town Clerk.

Cllr. M G Callam enquired if the Town Clerk had heard anything from Sprowston Stores about grants or donations.

The Town Clerk felt the size of grant available was more relative to a piece of equipment and suggested items such as a much-needed cupboard for the Dementia Café or restoration of the Viking Sign recently donated to Council.

Mrs J Leggett suggested tables for the veranda.

23/078. BROADLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL BEESTON PARK DEVELOPMENT

Having viewed the recreational facilities at White House Farm development Cllr. M A Booth noted that whilst everything seemed to be progressing it was still unusable and surrounded by fencing.

There was no visible signage advising not to use the equipment.

The main roads in the area had not been tarmacked even though building work had stopped and completion works taking place.

Developers were being continually pressed at the three weekly meetings he attended.

23/078. BROADLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL BEESTON PARK DEVELOPMENT (CONTINUED)

It was agreed that Plan 2 of the development highlighting those areas to be adopted by Council be circulated to all Councillors.

Councillors would be touring the site on 14 July 2023.

23/079. SUMMER FETE - 2023

The Town Clerk reported:

- He was in the process of completing a rota for volunteers and staff;
- Main responsibilities for volunteers will be stewarding five inflatables, restricting vehicles on the main gates and counting in attendees;
- Confirmed activities included 30 stallholders, bungee trampolines, fun house and chairplanes, 4 bands and a bar. In the arena a dog agility show, batten-twirlers, sack races and egg and spoon races;
- Despite early contact some people had chosen to attend the two-day Worstead and Gorleston-on-Sea festivals;
- He had contacted the 45th Scouts and was awaiting a response;
- The cricket and bowls teams had been advised there will be no games on 29 July 2023.
- Bystanders Cricket Club will be running a stall and putting up a training net.

Following discussion, it was agreed:

- Not to count the number of attendees;
- To implement height restrictions and a time limit of 5 minutes per go on the inflatables.

Cllr. Coleman volunteered to deliver letters to residents of Neville and Recreation Ground Roads regarding parking.

The Town Clerk to send a request to volunteers for their availability.

23/080. WHITEHOUSE FARM DEVELOPMENT

Discussed under Beeston Park development.

23/081. TREE GRANT AND WWI COMMEMORATIVE TREES

The Town Clerk reported that although still seeking funding, he would look to organise planting in November 2023.

Cllr. D Coleman suggested planting an avenue of trees along the path adjacent the school at Sparhawk Park.

It was agreed Councillors to visit Sparhawk Park to consider its suitability for an avenue of trees.

23/082. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Resolved:

- (1) Members of the working group to read through the Neighbourhood Plan, identify new actions to be included and completed activities to be removed.
- (2) A special meeting of Full Council to be organised from August to review the Neighbourhood Plan.

23/083. AOB

- (1) Café

Ongoing

- (1) Diamond Field

Cllr. D Coleman reported two businesses had been watering the Neville Road side of the hedgerow with hoses.

Cllr. W F Couzens advised the IBC has been received however it was on the floor and volunteers could not get watering cans underneath.

The Town Clerk replied he was looking into placing an old trailer on the Diamond Field for this purpose which would also allow the IBC to be moved around even when full.

Cllr. Couzens hoped the recently ordered adaptor would fit the IBC and a hose pipe connector so watering could be more substantial.

23/084. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 8 August 2023 at 4.30pm.