

**RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WORKING GROUP MEETING – 10 OCTOBER
2022**

At the remote meeting of the Recreational Facilities Working Group held by video conference on Monday 10 October 2022, the following Councillors were present:-

Mrs J Leggett – Chairperson

Mr M G Callam	-	Mr W F Couzens
Ms D Coleman	-	Mr J H Mallen

In attendance

Mr G Ranaweera	-	Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
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22/108. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

22/109. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 1 SEPTEMBER 2022

Minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 2022 were agreed subject to the following amendment:

Minute 22/099 second paragraph **delete** reduce and insert **increase**.

22/110. MATTERS ARISING

Ms D Coleman reported she was in receipt of an email from a resident of Barkers Lane requesting removal of the shelter from Bakers Lane open space following an incident involving her husband.

Following discussion Councillors noted that:

- (1) any incidences involving physical violence was a police matter.
- (2) a resolution had been made by full Council to invite Sprowston Youth Engagement Project to arrange painting of a graffiti mural on the youth shelter.

22/111. CAFÉ AT SPROWSTON RECEPTION GROUND

No further update.

22/112. VIKING CENTRE

The Town Clerk reported:

EE had requested 3-metre width of access along the boundary of the Viking Centre to their sub-station and mast to enable decommissioning when required. This would impact on the proposed design.

It was agreed the Town Clerk to:

- (1) question if a 3-metre width access the entire length of the site was necessary.
- (2) organise a site visit with the EE regional surveyor and Councillors.
- (3) ask Jason Menezes Bidwells for suggestions.

22/113. BROADLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL BEESTON PARK DEVELOPMENT

Mr W F Couzens and the Town Clerk reported on their attendance at a meeting of the officers of Broadland District Council as follows:

- (1) nutrient neutrality criteria had been published and planning permissions are likely to be granted before Christmas.
- (2) developers can mitigate nutrient neutrality on site in the same way as surface water drainage or pay for it off-site.
- (3) attendees were advised Sprowston Town Council did not want recreational facilities commuted off site or SUDS and nutrient neutrality to be included in the open space allocation.

22/114. SUMMER FETE - 2023

Councillors agreed to recommend to full Council for the next summer fete be held Saturday 29 July 2023.

22/115. TREE GRANT

- (1) Broadland District Council Tree Grant Scheme

The Town Clerk is currently preparing the application for Broadland District Council's Tree Grant scheme.

Whips are to be collected from the nursery on 11 November 2022.

The Queens' Green Canopy was discussed and Ms D Coleman suggested planting groups of trees at Wilks Farm Drive open space to represent the various regiments who fought in WWI. Trees to be planted in four groups reflecting the wards of Sprowston.

22/115. TREE GRANT (CONTINUED)

Mr G S Tingle to be asked to provide details on what constitutes a regiment or other appropriate organisational grouping.

Ms D Colman to clarify how to apply for funding and develop the idea for presentation to full Council.

22/116. WHITE HOUSE FARM PLAY EQUIPMENT, SKATE PARK

The Town Clerk advised:

- (1) open space (to rear of White House Farm School) developers had levelled a small area however, the site remained on two levels.
- (2) there was a discrepancy in play equipment requested by Council and what was listed for delivery by developers. He had requested they defer procurement as he did not feel the equipment was of a suitable standard.
- (3) he was waiting for developers to comment on the new location for the skatepark and if this freed up sufficient space for a mini-pitch or enough open space to compensate as well as rearrangement of play equipment and adult gym equipment, as agreed by full Council.

Councillors to carry out a site visit to area L5 to consider solutions to the differing soil levels.

22/117. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Agenda items for next meeting to remain the same.

22/118. AOB

No other business was discussed.

22/119. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Monday 24 October 2022 commencing 4.30pm.