

Committee, Group or Sub Group : Community Enhancement Group

Meeting Date & Venue: 8th July 2021 at 7pm via Zoom

Report Author: Adele Sharp - Chairman

Report

Present were: AS, PR, CB, JP.

Apologies: SM.

* The minutes of 6th May 2021 were accepted.

* Matters arising not on the agenda – none

1. Parade disabled public toilet –

a. The lease / rental of disabled toilet site

KCC – “we do not foresee a major financial burden. Even the legal cost should be straightforward and minimal.”

MBC - Lucy Stroud. "we have no objection to the toilet block being reopened, and my team can advise on what needs to be done to get them back up and running. I need to check whether our Lease with KCC allows us to sublet, and if so there shouldn't be any issue. However if it doesn't we may need to see if the Parish Council could enter into a lease directly with KCC. I'll check the lease and get back to you."

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Action: - Can't sub lease from MBC till 2022? Alison / clerk has started conversations with KCC about taking over the lease. [Ask for update. Can we open up in the meantime?](#)

b. Cleaning. Financial implication - Note - £3000 legal and maintenance costs are in the budget for next year. VC cleaners agreed they can do MWF £10 an hour = £30 wk

Action: [bring to full council](#)

c. Ready to install radar lock to be able to use a Radar key – Ironmonger direct quote £203 for a set plus the installation cost. Poyntell quotation for installation of one radar lock (£259.90 +VAT). No cost to us for the £5 key, as disabled users possess their own.

Action: [Ask full council if we can get the go ahead to install.](#)

c. The repairs External - painting outside has been done by Community Payback team when the library was done. Internal - really just needs a deep clean.

Action: [see above – if given go ahead, ready to open.](#)

JP joined at this point

2. Surrenden Field

a - Pavilion – Notes from previous meeting - *The intention is to completely replace the existing pavilion to provide 'café' type facilities, (currently used as a bit of a storage facility by SCEG who use it once a year for the carnival and fete event).*

Wooden building rejected as maintenance issues. A brick built pavilion would need an architect to design, planning permission and although preferable as more aesthetically pleasing, permanent and vandal proof, would also be expensive and be far more expensive.

A container style prefab building with windows, kitchen and toilet facilities, is what we can afford, rather than the preferred brick build. @ (£12,000) – PR provided the below visual and is getting quotations.

Action: [Discuss at next meeting when we have more information from PR.](#)



b - Paths – All ready to start.

c – WW1 commemorative bench. – AS confirmed site and SCEG just need to install.

d – Play area and other improvements - report by CB in progress. Play area needs upgrading. Youth seating new seats, move bin plus a shelter. Outdoor gym.

Action: Ask Alison to enquire about the cost for a professional to advise us of the best way forward from RoSpa. Hopefully free!

3. Defibrillators

FYI – The one at the Library is maintained and is the responsibility of SPC

SPC initial strategy was to ensure there was at least one publically available hence the library being chosen as a central access point should the need arise. Don't need more.

Other private ones (not SPC responsibility):

Jubilee; Sainsburys; Cricket Club; Poppies; carehomes?; dentists?

Maintenance – SPC are only responsible for the library one. It is currently part of our regular maintenance programme and checked regularly. The machine has a system that tells us when something needs replacing which we do as a matter of course.

Training – This is not required as the machine talks you through the procedure – its very simple. If Alison were to find a free course though, fab.

Portable One – for events? SPC don't require one as don't put on events other than meetings! SCEG do put on events so they might like to get one.

In response to whether the ambulance service know where they are and how to access them, we can only encourage businesses to register them. Contact SE Coast Ambulance Service pad@secamb.nhs.uk for list of public defibrillators. SPC / SCEG would need to contact the individual businesses to see if they were happy about this being public on a leaflet or social media.

We would refer back to the Communication Group about how to advertise website / social media. Maybe they and SCEG could create an info leaflet together?

Planning – housing developments are not required to install these. Might be worth suggesting for the SNPRG to add as a suggestion for developers?

I hope all this reassures SCEG / the resident that the village seems to have plenty of defibrillators. If the resident has a specific proposal for us (as this was a long list of questions) we can consider it at the next meeting.

Action: Alison to reply to the resident as above.

4. Telephone box –

All painted courtesy of Community payback team. PR installed a new LED light – note the electricity supply will only work for the light, not charging electric cars!

PR had Iden signs produce a replacement 'Telephone' sign - to be replaced with 'Staplehurst' and 'Welcome'. We have the replacement glass just awaiting the replacement frames to go round the glass as some were missing or broken so we can put glass in.

Ideas for use: - Plant exchange as in Biddenden where green fingered folk put their surplus seeds and seedlings to exchange. Not books as it may become a dumping ground!

Could offer to local groups such as WI, Horticultural and businesses – Made in Kent – to take over for a week or two / month.

Action: see above

5. Wimpy Field -

GSG - Bio blitz all organised. P Spearink has posts for hedging

Gate - We now have 3 quotations for replacing the existing gate with a better one for vehicle access. HML management co. responded to say that they were happy with it if the relevant residents are (as we are paying for it). We have right of way and no need for planning permission.

Action: Alison please consult the relevant residents. PR to advise which residents.

5. A.O.B.

The meeting ended at 8:00pm.

Future Dates: All Thursday at 7pm

Aug 5

Sep 2

Oct 7

Nov 4

Dec 2

Date & Venue of next meeting: 7pm Thursday 5th August 2021, zoom

Group membership

AS Adele Sharp

PR Paddy Riordan

JP John Perry

CB Colin Bowden

SM Simon McNeill

SLR Sam Lain-Rose