



Prior to the meeting there was a presentation from Tim Hargreaves, Youth Football Chairman: Tim handed some notes of the presentation to councillors including a detailed costing of proposed works to the Holding Field. Since July, average attendance for training on Saturdays is 45 and 60 children are signed up for matches. Four teams are signed into the Peter Houseman League. Parents regularly attend training and refreshments are available to raise revenue funding. A new sponsor is providing kits and the committee have a positive cash flow. The club would like the Holding Field to remain as the home for the under 7's and under 9's for both training and matches. The club request permission for:- marking two pitches which would be drained, levelled and shaped; a new container; secure fencing the perimeter of the field and possibly extending the car park. The costings for the work to pitches is estimated at £100,000.00 and funding is being sought from Greenham Common Trust and Football Foundation.

Discussion:-

Covenant put in place at transfer to PC to prevent development/building on site until late 2017 – covenants cannot be extended. Pitches would be sited in front of the tennis courts and to the left of the cricket wicket, cricket wicket to be removed. Questions were raised about maintenance affordability, what would happen in the event of damage and who would be responsible for the insurance of the pitches.

The Fieldgate has not been fully investigated as a venue - neither the rugby team nor the senior football team are keen because of chewing up the pitches, throwing in some political challenges. Drainage is poor and there is bad flooding in the currently unused area. The hard court has been investigated for a potential all weather pitch but it is not large enough and could not be used for matches.

The Youth Football Club is not currently aligned with the Senior Football Club but it is hoped that in the future the clubs would merge.

The school have been approached and will allow training but will not permit marking out for matches. With the current four youth teams, two (the under 9's and under 11's) are already using Hannington and there are just not enough pitches.

BDBC need to be approached about using the Fieldgate as they own and manage the pitches there – the football and rugby hire the pitches from them and therefore cannot stop the youth from using the field. There should be enough room at the Fieldgate although it may overlap with the cricket outfield.

BDBC have identified that Kingsclere does not have enough informal green openspaces so there may be issues if the Holding Field were to become developed for football pitches.

The container – BDBC were approached by Cllr Adams about the Football Club relocating their container (and replacing with a new one) on the old Youth Club site. Progress with BDBC has been slow and a formal complaint has been logged. This resulted in a planning issue being raised – as it is not PC land the application must be submitted by the Youth Football Club.

GP Meeting commenced at 8:20pm

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| GP07/16 | Present Committee Members: Cllrs: Adams; Farey; Mussett; Price; N Peach; J Sawyer. Clerk: L Porton. | |
| 07/16.1 | Apologies: None | |
| 07/16.2 | Declaration of Interest: Price and Peach 16/07.9 Allotments | |
| 07/16.3 | Matters arising from Minutes of GP Meeting 11th July 2016: None | |
| 07/16.4 | Spring Bulbs: It was agreed for Cllr Peach to spend £200.00 on additional Spring Bulbs for planting around the village.
Resolved – £200.00 budget for Spring Bulbs | NP |
| 07/16.5 | Holding Field:
5.1 Football Container – Update provided prior to the meeting during the Youth Football presentation.
5.2 Hedge – The hedge has received a hard cut this Autumn. There is still a lot of undergrowth which causes problems with brambles etc. Clerk to request contractors to clear. It was agreed in April for some new fencing to be installed to repair gaps in the hedge which was delayed during nesting season. Clerk has instructed Arthur to proceed.
Clerk has found a number of signs suitable for the Holding Field – it was agreed the sign should simply state “No Dogs” and 12 to be purchased at the approx. cost of £5 each. A notice to be put in The Tower to inform residents of the Dog Control Orders, New Signs installed and Dog Warden will be patrolling. Clerk to contact Dog Warden. | Clerk

Clerk |
| 07/16.6 | Churchyard SINC: Ralph Cook has requested some signs for the Churchyard SINC. Agreed in principal, clerk to check with BDBC and HCC if some are already available. | Clerk |
| 07/16.7 | Malthouse Openspace and Churchyard Hedge: A proposal has been received from Tom Sneyd to remove the hedge between the Malthouse Openspace and the | |

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Churchyard to open up the area. Permission will need to be sought from BDBC (clerk) and the PCC (Cllr Mussett). The hedge needs reducing which has already been agreed, clerk to instruct contractors to go ahead now nesting season is over whilst we wait for decisions from BDBC and PCC.

**CM
Clerk**

- 07/16.8 Crown Green Noticeboard** – A request has been received from the volunteer gardener to move the noticeboard as the commercial side is too close to the RBL Garden. It was agreed that the board could be moved onto the grass at the edge of the path and turned so that the community side is facing the path. Clerk to inform the gardener.

Clerk

Resolved – RBL Gardener can move the Noticeboard

- 07/16.9 Allotments and Allotment Committee:** Allotment committee has resumed and there are some new committee members. It was agreed the committee should be invited to attend 3 GP meetings per year for reporting and updating. Clerk met with some members on site last week to discuss some of the issues. Letters are to be sent to some plot holders about weeding and tidiness (rubbish). It was noted that adjacent land owners need to be contacted about overgrown hedges and some trees that need pruning back as they impede access to plots. In the pony paddock there are a number of Hawthorns, a yew and an elder that need pruning as they also impede access to some plots. On plot 1A, a large willow had to be felled as it was causing a danger and is now throwing out many shoots which are causing a problem on that plot. The stump needs some treatment. Clerk to arrange quotes.

Clerk

- 07/16.10 Risk Assessments:** Clerk has distributed the risk assessments to be completed.

07/16.11 Planning Applications:

11.1 16/02837/HSE Clanna, Popes Hill – concern raised over a tree to be felled which should have a separate tree application – Tree Officers to be contacted.

11.2 16/02967/FUL – The Swan, Swan Street – no objections.

11.3 T/00307/16/TCA – 26 North Street – no objections.

07/16.8 Rolling List:

Recreation Ground Playarea – We have a high risk action on the playground report received today. Peeling paint and sharp edges on slide. Slide to be closed and clerk to obtain quotes for new similar equipment.

Clerk

The Square – Bus shelter panels and fitting on order. Pictures of sample tree grills and tree benches were viewed. Agreed to purchase Sunburst Square Tree Grills at £322 each (the cheapest) and Alexander Rose Pine Commercial Tree Seat at £314.10 (again cheapest) – to be approved at next OM.

- 07/16.9 Date of next GP Meeting:** 10th October 2016

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:10 pm

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Parish Clerk

Date:.....