

Wimpey Fields Group

17-003

Notes of the Meeting held on 24 January 2017 from 7.00pm to 8.00pm

Present: Parish Councillors Peter Spearink, Paddy Riordan, Chris Claridge and Sam Lain-Rose (notes).

1. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Transfer of Land

Parish Councillor Peter Spearink explained that the Draft Contract from Taylor Wimpey was sent to the Parish Office Monday. Members noted this and thanked Peter for his tireless efforts and patience.

3. Schedule of Works (Year 1)

Parish Councillor Peter Spearink explained the schedule of works that he envisages, including shrub clearance, root grinding and disabled pathway. The initial clearance by TWIG contractors could be completed in April 2017. There was a discussion around the works that need to be completed throughout this year. It was agreed that the hibernacula would be moved, as it is already costed by TWIG from the leisure area and agreed by the Council.

There was a discussion around furniture and it was agreed that benches and picnic benches should be purchased for the site. This would be costed and presented to the Council in a report to be considered in the future.

4. Schedule of Works (Year 2)

Parish Councillor Peter Spearink explained the second year should be for the Council to plant specimen trees (Children's Forest) and orchard (Community Orchard). The idea would be to have a different type of tree for each area, and provide the school and engagement opportunity for each school year to look after a tree.

In addition, it was suggested that flowering shrubs and trees should be planted during Year 2 also. This was discussed at length by the Members.

5. Schedule of Works (Year 3)

Parish Councillor Peter Spearink explained the third year should continue planting trees and flowering shrubs and maintenance of the site. This was discussed by the Members.

6. Budgeting

It was agreed during the meeting that the following budget should be recommended to the Council for approval. These budgets are based on the £25,000 that will be gifted to the Council, so out of this reserve:

Year 1 - £8,000

Year 2 - £6,000

Year 3 - £6,000

Members wishes to seek for the **Council acceptance of the budget proposals above, in principle**, with individual items expenditure being brought to the Council for ratification and approval.

7. Any Other Business

There were no items of any other business raised.