

Meeting Notes

Community Enhancement Group

Notes of the Meeting held on 08 October 2018 from 19:45 to 21:40

Present: **Parish Councillors Joan Buller, Sue Forward, Paul Kelly, Sam Lain-Rose (Chair), Barrett Manning, Adele Sharp and Elaine Symes. Non-Councillor Member Louise Brice.**

1. Apologies for Absence

It was noted that apologies for absence had been received from Parish Councillors Tom Burnham, John Reardon, Paddy Riordan and Gill Smith.

2. Councillor Declarations

Parish Councillor Lain-Rose declared an interest on the agenda item relating to Jubilee Fields. Parish Councillor Kelly declared an interest on the agenda item relating to the Youth Club.

3. Agreement of the Previous Group Meeting Notes

Meeting notes of 10 September 2018 were AGREED by Members.

4. Matters Arising from the Previous Group Meeting

There were no matters arising.

5. Surrenden Fields

Parish Councillor Lain-Rose updated the Community Enhancement Group on an email received by the Parish Clerk, Parish Councillors Burnham, Lain-Rose, Riordan and Silkin, Borough Councillor Brice and County Councillor Hotson regarding the Surrenden Field Freehold from Parish Cllr. Perry. In which stated that had met with Mark Green and that Maidstone were exploring options on future management of the site. In addition, Parish Councillor Lain-Rose expressed that he was personally disappointed that Maidstone Borough Council has not formally responded to the Parish Council's letter outlining their intent to surrender the lease on Surrenden Field.

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6. Jubilee Field

Parish Councillor Lain-Rose introduced the draft terms of reference for the Jubilee Field Management Committee (as requested at the last meeting). Parish Councillor Forward had raised an error in the Committee title in the Purpose paragraph of the document and Parish Councillor Lain-Rose will update this accordingly.

There was much discussion on this item with Non-Councillor Member Louise Brice, raising the concern that the FA funding available would not be gained under this model and would inhibit further grants and donations being obtained. Parish Councillor Lain-Rose confirmed that for the football clubs they needed a guarantee on utilising the grounds for a minimum of 10 years, which could possibly be achieved by a licence.

Parish Councillor Sharp raised the issue that the management structure is still confusing and isn't easily understood and Non-Councillor Brice likened this to another type of structure that was not clear previously.

Parish Councillors Forward and Lain-Rose raised that the management structure needs attention and has done for some time. Parish Councillor Forward reminded Members that the Parish Clerk had explained that it would be complicated to unravel the structure and to implement a new type of structure.

Members **AGREED TO DEFER** any further changes in management until understanding the implication of the funding, the best structure to utilise and the income/expenditure model and Parish Council's extent of funding injection on a yearly average.

7. Wimpey Field

Parish Councillor Forward thanked the Group for their recommendations at the last meeting and highlighted the call for volunteers that will shortly be published to assist at the Wimpey Field.

Parish Councillor Forward updated the Group on the progress of discussions with HML Management Company and Taylor Wimpey and explained the consequences of the lack of progress has on the utilisation of Community Payback on the Wimpey Field, which results in them not being used until the access arrangements have been remedied.

Parish Councillor Forward explained that a replacement Mulberry Tree will be required from the previous agreed budget by Council. However, the supplier had agreed to replace (at no cost to the Council) one of the trees.

Parish Councillor Forward explained that discussions are taking place regarding the forest school and will update the Group when there are further/confirmed details.

8. Bathurst Road Residents' Issues

The residents' complaints regarding parking on Bathurst Road/Offens Drive were highlighted to the Group. It was thought the most appropriate action would be to send this to Kent County Council's Highways team.

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9. **Non-Councillor Members Policy**

Parish Councillor Lain-Rose highlighted the new Non-Councillor Members Policy which has been agreed by the Council at their last meeting. This only affects Non-Councillor Member Louise Brice for the Community Enhancement Group.

10. **Staplehurst Youth Club**

Parish Councillor Kelly highlighted the Annual General Meeting of the Staplehurst Youth Group, which is to be held on Thursday 8th November 2018 at 19:30 at Staplehurst Youth Hut.

10. **Any Other Business**

Non-Councillor Member Brice raised the potential concerns relating to Tunbridge Wells Local Plan, which has rumoured to have large-scale developments in two primary places, one being South of Staplehurst. Non-Councillor Member Brice enquired whether this could be investigated and if required commented on from the Parish Council. Parish Councillor Lain-Rose explained it was a matter for the Neighbourhood Plan Review Group to discuss.

11. **Confirmation of the Date of Next Meeting**

Members CONFIRMED the next meeting of the Group would be Monday 22 October 2018 at 19:30. The meeting will be held at Village Centre, High Street, Staplehurst.