

Committee, **Group** or Sub Group : SCENic - formerly Community Enhancement Group

Meeting Date & Venue 22nd June 2023 at 6.30pm @ office, SCC 7.10pm

Report Author: Adele Sharp - Chairman

Report

Present were: Adele Sharp (AS), Bill McLaughlin (BM), Mel Alessi (MA)

Apologies: John Perry (JP) & Paddy Riordan (PR) @ MBC planning, Eric Hotson (EH), Catherine Farragher (CF)

Matters arising –

* Requests to use Surrenden Field for exercise groups – we made our recommendations to see their Public Liability Insurance plus Professional Indemnity. We have not heard from them since. We would ask that should someone be doing an exercise class that we ask them to give this to us. We discussed our concern about liability now they have brought it to our attention!?!

1. Items now completed:

- * Surrenden Field benches and bins installed
- * War Memorial Grave lane refurbished
- * Parade bike rack installed

2. Surrenden Field Children’s Play area & Outdoor gym installation next week Wed ->

3. Parade wall at the edge of the carpark. PR - Specification for this has been done and sent to the owners for approval.

Budget @ £10 - 16.000. MBC have agreed but want us to add another project.

Action: await response from landowner. **Ask PR to forward to group members.**

4. Telephone box

All refurbishment done and agreed that SPC should start use as an exhibition space advertising what the council do. PR previously suggested that we ask Iden signs to do a vinyl print for the back wall of the telephone box, with pictures of various areas and buildings in Staplehurst. Ideas at end of minutes. Also suggested that we should ask the Primary School and play groups next to advertise for September.

Action: Other group members to comment on ideas, so we can send to Iden Signs. See mock up before the final is sent to print.

5. Church Green & Golding Homes

Clerk emailed Golding homes, would they like to relinquish the responsibility of maintaining the Green, but we have not yet received a reply.

North Side belongs to Golding Homes, hedges MBC responsibility.

South Side is MBC.

Action: Ask PR if he has any contacts for Golding homes (MBC) to chase.

6. Beacon

Previous work means that we have one and MBC permission to install at Surrenden Field. This means we are ready for the 80 years D day celebration coming up June 2024. Plenty of time to get it installed. In the mean time we need to draw down the S106 money for it.

Action: AS to do council report for this. PS – where is it currently stored?

7. Kings Head Pub – community asset

This is to safeguard a notable village building and amenity and means that should the building come up for sale, SPC would have 6 months to raise the money to buy it first.

Landlord Richard Monks & Owners Shepherd Neame.

Previously PR contacted the manager who said she would not object 'not overly bothered'.

Action: Agreed to ask clerk to apply for this and 'copy' Shepherd Neame in.

8. Pavillion – deferred as need report from CF

to completely redevelop existing pavilion to provide 'café' type facilities, storage and toilets. For the use of Staplehurst at large. (£15,000 - £35,000)

AS per last minutes: - CF investigated and found a local company designing wooden pavilions. PR and CF met with the rep from the potential pavilion company. The meeting was quite positive, although no firm quotes at the moment.

Action: Does office have a drawing plan of the current one? AS & CF will look at designs and drawings for community café / shop / etc. *design ideas being discussed by councillors Sat 27th May 2023*



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9. Grass crete at Surrenden Field by Manning Gate – Previous quotes were extraordinarily expensive, so on hold but keeping it in our minds.

Action: future agenda item.

Date & Venue of next meeting: Wed 19th July 6.30pm WH

Group membership

AS Adele Sharp

PR Paddy Riordan

JP John Perry

BM Bill McLaughlin

EH Eric Hotson

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CF Catherine Farragher

Vinyl Sign pictures



