

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

Meeting Date & Venue 2nd February 2023 at 6.30pm @ P Riordan's

Report Author: Adele Sharp - Chairman

Report

Present were: Adele Sharp (AS), John Perry, Eric Hotson (EH), Bill McLaughlin (BM). Paddy Riordan (PR) Catherine Farragher (CF) Richard Griffiths (RG)

Apologies: John Perry (JP)

Matters arising

1. Assets list - from RG (clerk)

Current assets list pretty comprehensive. Salt bins have been added.

We requested the street lamps on Headcorn Rd near the Jubille Field be added as we upgraded them BUT it should be MBC not us. **clerk to check**

Please add a note that the accessible toilet at Parade, is 1/3 Wisperole & 2/3 KCC land

Church Green – Clarified who owns it -

North side - Golding Homes & the hedges the responsibility of MBC

South Side is MBC

Have we written to Golding Homes to see if they would 'gift' the North bit to SPC?

Chestnut Avenue hedge – we know we own the land on the street side but what about the hedge? **ie who is responsible! Some clarification needed.**

Kings Head Pub as a community asset – Need to contact Landlord Richard Monks & / or owners Shephard Neame? Previous clerk seemed to have got as far as pub agreeing, but was that Shephard Neame, or Richard Monks, (Catherine Hughes manager) as we don't seem able to find records. **Contact relevant parties.**

2. Bike racks at parade

* The planting area low wall at the edge of the car park – looking at @ £10 - 16.000. MBC agreed by them but add another project.

* EV charging points and at Bell Lane. Sainsburys S106 money (£36,000) with MBC. We can give our suggestions about it can be spent on. Need to be rapid charging. Parade landowner in agreement. **clerk looking into costs**

* Disabled spaces - 2 parking spaces devoted to disabled car users. Not really disabled spaces size wise but its privately owned so nothig we can do. Suggested that the KCC owned side bays might be suitable? PR enquired pre covid about making one a disabled space but KCC pushed back saying they were needed for deliveries. **clerk to ask again.**

* Bike racks - owner says once checked its a go ahead.

Next to subway / Spar, under the stairs. Agreed to the low floor mounted bike rack, just on one side **Budget £250 to inc VAT and installation**



High / low floor mounted bike rack £104,

Parrs workplace eqpt

3. Accessible public toilet –

All archived as SPC decided due to the expense of cleaning costs not to go ahead.

KCC not signed off paper work **clerk to chase**. GSG asked if it is opened can they use tap / install outside tap. AS registered her disappointment and hope for reopening in the future.



a. The lease / rental of the accessible toilet site

Lease drafted, agreement from Wisperole (S.en 1/3) & await samefrom KCC (N.en 2/3) that MBC built the toilet block on. **Action: Ask clerk to chase this up**

b. Cleaning. Budget - Financial implication - Note - **£3000 legal and maintenance costs are in the budget** for next year.

Cleaners (SCC) previously agreed they can do MWF £10 an hour = £30 wk **Budget £1560 annual**. We think this will be sufficient as patrons will be users of a radar key and we can assess after 3 mths if there are issues.

Action:

c. Radar lock will be installed to enable clients to use own Radar key –no cost to us as they buy own @£5. Two quotations
Ironmonger direct £203 for a set plus the installation cost.
Poyntell £259.90 +VAT.

Action:

4. Surrenden Field projects

Seating – benches arrive 13 February – 2 new ones to replace broken ones in area near pavillion / basket ball court.



Bins - 3 slabs for base. £720 quotation but need to add 2 more. - **ask in full council**
One at Wimpey and one at Jubilee will also need a slab on it.

Beacon - MBC agreed as a temporary installation to be used for the King's coronation.

Pavillion – *to completely redevelop existing pavillion to provide 'café' type facilities, storage and toilets.* For the use of Staplehurst at large.

A prefab / container style building with kitchen, toilets, windows and business space

PR previously provided this visual (£15,000 - £35,000)



Pavillion - community project AS & CF to investigate building costs.

d – Play area and other improvements –

* Play area – improvements. New mini climbing wall SNP will be doing 3rd Feb 2023

* Adult outdoor gym –

Area between pavilion and play area - 8 pieces.

'Fresh air fitness' do a 3 piece starter pack for £4000 (air skier, rider and double air walker).

Budget £10,000 - £15,000 CIL money? U3A item from developers.

Action – Office obtaining quotations from job spec.



5. Telephone box

Obtaining the washers took some time. Had used Payback team in past, but need to clarify if this is a job they are capable of doing. Payback team are back 11th February 8.30am - 3pm parade clean up and at SCC

Welcome to Staplehurst to fit and illuminate, new glass and frames and pins.

Action:

Budget

Parade bike racks **£250** to inc VAT and installation

Parade accessible toilet **£3000** legal and maintenance costs are in the budget

Cleaning. **£1560** annual.

Radar lock **£300**

Surrenden Field – 2 new benches **£1000 CIL money** and 5 bins **£2500 - 106 money**

- Outdoor Gym **£10,000 - £15,000 CIL money?**

- Pavillion **£35,000**

A.O.B.

TOR suggestions agreed

Future Dates: Thursday 2nd March 2023 next meeting @ tbc

Date & Venue of next meeting:

Group membership

AS Adele Sharp
CB Colin Bowden

PR Paddy Riordan
EH Eric Hotson

JP John Perry
CF Catherine Farragher

BM Bill McLaughlin