

Committee, Group or Sub Group : Community Enhancement Group

Meeting Date & Venue: 6th May 2021 at 7pm via Zoom

Report Author: Adele Sharp - Chairman

Report

Present were: AS, PR, JP

Apologies: CB, SM.

Election of Chair: AS proposed by PR and seconded by JP.

* The minutes of 25th March 2021 were accepted.

* Matters arising not on the agenda – none

1. Terms Of Reference

3a. Remove skate park, Youth Centre & Jubilee Field as they have their own committees running them. Add allotments.

3b. Likewise there is a churchyard group, etc so no need for this one

3c. remove Skate park, Youth Centre = is this not a repeat of 3a?

3d, e, f g (change e to g!). ok

4. & 5. & 6. 7. ok

2. Parade disabled public toilet – Work earmarked to be done May 15th 2021

a. The lease / rental of disabled toilet site

KCC – *“we do not foresee a major financial burden. Even the legal cost should be straightforward and minimal.”*

MBC - Lucy Stroud. *“we have no objection to the toilet block being reopened, and my team can advise on what needs to be done to get them back up and running. I need to check whether our Lease with KCC allows us to sublet, and if so there shouldn't be any issue. However if it doesn't we may need to see if the Parish Council could enter into a lease directly with KCC. I'll check the lease and get back to you.”* Update - Can't sub lease from MBC till 2022.

Action: Alison / clerk has started conversations with KCC about taking over the lease. We can get the painting and repairs done as soon as weather permits!

b. Ready to install radar lock to be able to use a Radar key – Ironmonger direct quote £203 for a set plus the installation cost. Poyntell quotation for installation of one radar lock £259.90 +VAT). No cost to us for the £5 key, as disabled users possess their own.

Action: None - ready to install when given go ahead.

c. The external decoration / repairs will be done when library decoration / repairs are done – see above. Small internal repairs to do as well, (hopefully also by volunteers), which we know more about when 1a has been actioned.

Action: see 1a

d. Cleaning. Financial implication - Note - £3000 legal and maintenance costs are in the budget for next year. VC cleaners agreed they can do MWF £10 an hour = £30 wk

Action: none yet

3. Wimpy Field - We now have 3 quotations, but we still need approval from HML management co. Alison has written to them and we await their reply / approval - potentially we may then need to consult with residents. Will then put to council.

Action: Alison please send the quotations info to CEG group to look at.

4. Surrenden Field Updates for the meeting.

The intention is to completely replace the existing pavilion to provide 'café' type facilities, (currently used as a bit of a storage facility at present).

A container style prefab building with toilet facilities, is what we can afford, rather than the preferred brick build (would be preferable as more aesthetically pleasing, permanent and vandal proof). It was discussed however, that a brick built pavilion would need an architect to design, planning permission and be far more expensive. There was also some discussion about concerns of any pavilion becoming a storage facility for SCEG – it should be a pavilion for the use of Staplehurst at large and not relied on by SCEG for storage of their equipment used a few times a year.

a - Pavilion –

Previous ideas: brick build (expensive), Wooden (creates maintenance issues), container/ prefab style building with kitchen toilets windows etc (preferred) with separate toilet block (£12,000) – PR provided the below visual and is getting quotations.

Action: discuss at next meeting when we have more information.



b - Paths – Lucy Stroud at MBC - *In principle I have no objection to the proposal of a new path. I will ask our Legal Team to advise what formal documentation is needed, but I think we have all the information required.*

Suggestion also to have some hardstanding at the area around the gate (informally known as Barrets Gate / Manning Gate).

Able to go ahead with this. Not sure whether we have 106 money.

Action: Ask clerk if we have to applied / got for the 106 money.

d – WW1 commemorative bench. –

The bench, currently stored in the pavilion, will be installed by the SCEG (Heidi & Bob Ham) at the Northern end, in the middle (Thatcher Road end). They will let us know before they put it in so we can agree the position and let the public know.

Action: AS to arrange a time to meet them there and confirm the spot together.

4. Telephone box – delayed due to Covid. Still in lock down at time of meeting but we may be able to get Community payback to do this as soon as possible.

Ready to do as soon as restrictions permit (Telephone sign changed to welcome and repaint). Still need to decide what will go in there. Ideas so far are to offer to local groups – WI, Horticultural – and businesses – Made in Kent – to take over for a week or two. Plant exchange as in Biddenden where green fingered folk put their surplus seeds and seedlings to exchange. Books may be dodgy as it may become a dumping ground!

Action: Payback team to do soon PR

5. Salt bins Brad –

S 106 money

PR wrote to Bovis about their S106 as much of Sainsburys covered crossing at Marden Road, crossing dropped curb – reviewing it. If minded to put Cranbrook Road (RSG) **£38,000** KCC don't have the finance / want to pay for it – lets find a way to finance it!

CIL money £11,00 Bletchingly Farm Estate

5. A.O.B.

The meeting ended at 8:00pm.

Date & Venue of next meeting: 7pm Thursday 3rd June 2021, zoom

Group membership

AS Adele Sharp

PR Paddy Riordan

JP John Perry

CB Colin Bowden

SM Simon McNeill

SLR Sam Lain-Rose