

Response to information request made on 30 October 2019

Request

- The two members of the "Sherwood Neighbourhood Policing Team".
- The name of the N&SDC Play co-ordinator
- To see emails, reports, and any other correspondence from the above persons made between themselves and any member of the parish council during 2019

Response

The two members of the "Sherwood Neighbourhood Policing Team" are Sergeant T Hall 101 Ext 310 1468 and PC K Crowhurst 07889 702823 and there has been no email correspondence.

Phil Beard is the Business Manager Parks & Open Spaces at NSDC.

There has been email correspondence between Cllr. Ian Clarke and Phil Beard detailed in the attached response document. No other members have had any correspondence with Phil Beard.

Correspondence between Phil Beard Business Manager Parks & Open Spaces at NSDC and Cllr.

24/06/2019 14:27 Subject: RE: S106 Funds

From: phil.Beard@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk To: ian@farnsfield-pc.uk Cc: [Hi Ian, Further to our telephone conversation I have attached the Fields in Trust](mailto:clerk@farnsfield-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

01/07/2019 11:37 Subject Planning Permission Requirements for Skateparks

Hi Phil, you may recall during our last conversation about Farnsfield Parish Council playground Funds we touched on the topic of the proposal for a Skatepark in Farnsfield which has been active for some time. We are trying to understand the end to end costs for the build, for which we have had quotes from VIA East Midlands for Project Management Services. Their proposal highlights the need to include additional fees if planning permission is required.

One thing we are unclear of is the circumstances under which planning permission would be required for skatepark construction and if permission is required what is the process for obtaining this and the associated costs.

Is this something you could help us with? If not could point us in the direction of someone who may be able to give us the advice we need.

14/07/2019 19:14 Subject Farnsfield S 106 Funds Play Facilities Funds

From ian@farnsfield-pc.uk To Phil.Beard@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk

Hi Phil, thanks for the Fields in Trust document which you suggested would be a good starting

As discussed in our telephone conversation as a significant amount of S 106 playground facilities money was known to be coming available, Farnsfield Parish Council has for some time considered, and made resolutions towards, the building of a skate park which would use the majority of these funds.

Recently we were informed by Councillor Bruce Laughton that we had been successful in gaining an additional £20k LIS funding for this facility but at the same time Councillor Laughton suggested the Chairman of our Council talk to the Chairman at North Muskham to understand issues around the skate park facility they have built.

Following the discussions, which are summarised in my attached report, our Chairman asked me to carry out a play facilities review based on the document you provided and look into the councils decision making process re the investment of the majority of play facility funds in a concrete skatepark at Hadleigh Park.

I have attached this review and would really appreciate your expert opinion on its content. In summary it questions the wisdom of the current plans to build a concrete skatepark at the Hadleigh Park location, in favour of lower cost more age specific facility at the Wilsons Field site, co-located with a number of other existing and new play facilities.

We are now in a position where we need to make progress on investing our S106 playground facilities monies and have a largely new council which wishes to ensure it makes the correct choices in terms of this type of investment which will have lasting impacts on the village into the future. We would highly value your opinion on this.

P.S. could you keep the report confidential for now as we are not planning to release it to the full council or the general public until we have your opinion on it.

15/07/2019 09:19 Subject RE: Planning Permission Requirements for Skateparks

From Phil.Bead@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk To ian@farnsfield-pc.uk

Hi Ian,

I've forwarded your email to colleagues in our Planning department and asked them to respond directly to you.

19/07/2019 11:17 Subject: FW: Farnsfield S106 Funds Play Facilities

From: ian@farnsfield-pc.uk To: Phil Beard

Hi Phil, as discussed in our telephone conversation this morning please find attached an amended report including feedback from a visit by the Neighbourhood policing Team on Tuesday. If you could base your review and recommendations on this document and provide us with feedback later today we would be very grateful.

19/07/2019 13:27 Subject RE: Farnsfield S106 Funds Play Facilities Funds

From Phil.Bead@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk To ian@farnsfield-pc.uk

Hi Ian, Thanks for sending me the revised report and I would comment as follows:

1. In general my experience of creating parks for wheeled sports is that the potential users are very knowledgeable about what they want and are often the best people to decide on the location, layout and type of facilities to be created. I would thus encourage the parish council to consult as widely as possible with young people in the village before coming to any firm conclusions
2. For a village the size of Farnsfield I agree that a destination facility is not a desirable solution and that your suggested target age group of 12-16 years is appropriate (albeit my experience of the wheeled sports facility at Sherwood Avenue Park in Newark is that you will get a lot of users, particularly on scooters, who are much younger than that)
3. I note your preference for a plaza-type solution however given the potential space available I do think you should also seriously consider a raised ramps layout
4. Without any detailed knowledge of the area I am unable to comment in any detail on the best location for the park but I would tend to agree with the Police that a more centrally located facility,

I trust these comments will be of use to you in your deliberations and will be happy to provide further assistance as and when required.