



Minutes of the F&E Committee

Held on 31st October 2023

in the Lower Hall, Farnsfield Village Centre at 7pm

Attendance: Councillor Thompson (Chair), Councillor J Shakeshaft, Councillor Sarre (ex officio),
Councillor Harris-Sutton, Councillor Moore, Councillor Healy, Councillor Cracknell.

Apologies:

None

Declarations of Interest:

None

Chair explained he was suspending the SOs for each topic. However still generally would keep to 30 minutes overall for public participation.

23.42: Meeting accepted the minutes: of the previous meetings minutes. Proposed by Councillor Thompson, seconded by Councillor Cracknell.

23.43: Playground Inspection report

Chair suspended SOs for this item to allow public participation.

None comments were forthcoming.

Chair reinstated the SOs.

Councillor Cracknell reported that the Lady Goodwin Park had the only issue requiring attention. Wire exposed, he was seeking a quote to replace the rope. Few issues with MUGA which he has rectified. Action: Quote for the replacement rope (Councillor Cracknell).

23.44: New Years Event:

Chair suspended SOs for this item to allow public participation

Resident wished to flag that this event raises funds for the RBL. Would have been helpful to know there was a public participation session. Another resident asked whether their NYE emails had been read or did they need to speak up about all the correspondence, felt no one had listened.

The Chair explained a further decision to be made to revisit this topic always required a specific motion being made by 3 Councillors and is required by SOs (procedural matter).

A resident queried the need for 2 Councillors to be in attendance, it was clarified it only required 1 on the night but required a second available in case the primary councillor was not available.

Chair reinstated the SOs.

Councillor Harris-Sutton presented a report to revisit the original decision to open the Village Centre across the festive period. Explaining the additional conditions proposed to enable this to happen, inc. arranging Councillor cover for opening up and closure checks. A Councillor felt the deposit should be charged. Councillor Harris-Sutton confirmed the centre would be available across the 2-week period, subject to the additional conditions of hire. Councillor Sarre proposed further amendments: the hirer to inform local residents, the commitment by Councillors is a voluntary commitment and should not be lent on and 3a. should include all of the toilet facilities, 3b. date by which a request is made for this period i.e. end of November, staff annual leave requests should not be blocked due to centre hire, the 2 Councillors are required to be identified.

Chair informed meeting that Neil Self had already offered to inform nearby residents. Councillors also felt that a deposit should be requested. Councillor Cracknell proposed the meeting accepted the additional proposals made by Councillor Sarre and Councillor J Shakeshaft. All agreed.

It was agreed that the Terms of Hire need to be reviewed for the long term and this is a temporary arrangement for this period. All agreed.

23.45 Junior Football

Chair suspended SOs for this item to allow public participation

A resident raised a concern about use and that the correct procedure was not being followed. 7 a side pitch details incorrect on website. Chair clarified Bookings Clerk knows not to book pitch and agreed website needs updating.

Newark and Sherwood District Council also confirmed and 2 football groups declared, it as not safe. Proposal is to have junior football for Farnsfield United. Resident asked if this new pitch would be marked out and how much would it cost if not being hired out by Parish Council.

Councillor Shakeshaft, explained she had met with football representatives, & Newark and Sherwood District Council to discuss use. Good location, room for 2 pitches, on-site parking, promotes junior football. Aiming to encourage girls football as well. Takes pressure off current pitch.

Chair re-instated SOs.

Chair explained the purpose was for Councillors to discuss the proposal and make a decision, then consider costings after the decision is made. Councillor Harris-Sutton asked why Hadleigh's Park. Councillor J Shakeshaft explained it was a good large space, handy car park. Councillor Shakeshaft said the junior football would move between Parfitt Drive and Cricket Club. Could be great interest and could lead to the establishment of a team. Pitch marking will cost £25 every week for both fields which the Council would pay for on a trial basis. Hire fees etc will need to be discussed. Chair explained there are no hire fees on any of the public space fields i.e. Party in the Park no hire charge. This may need reviewing.

For a trial period the costs would be covered by the Council. The Pavilion toilets may be open during these period. Proposed Councillor Shakeshaft and seconded Councillor Cracknell. All Agreed.

23.46 Benches

Chair suspended SOs for this item to allow public participation

A resident offered to assist with Parish Online and Website. Chair felt this should be taken up and would be the link person to enable this.

Chair re-instated SOs for this item.

Chair explained the proposal. Contact with Men in Sheds, tackle the range of benches needing upgrading and new. Also noted the Newark and Sherwood District Council Community Chest project which offers £1000 grant. Question was asked about the time this would take and Chair explained 6 months. Councillor Healy concern re. Broomfield Lane bench and requirements. Chair confirmed that the plan was flexible, but benches welcomed by everyone. Proposal to place a Men in Sheds £1400 order and work with Newark and Sherwood District Council. Proposed by Councillor Thompson seconded by Councillor J Shakeshaft. All agreed.

23.47 Party in the Park

Chair suspended SOs for this item to allow public participation

A resident felt that everyone was happy with how this event was run last year and would duplicate this again for 2024. Raised a lot of funds for the RBL. The offer of passing on the straw bales again was welcomed and request made that the organisers check with the allotment holders how many they would like. Another resident raised the need for having more children related activities. Organiser said it was more of an adult event running into the evening, but children are catered for.

Chair re-instated SOs for this item.

Chair noted that the organisers had requested table and chairs from village centre. Chair had no concern as long as insured by the organiser.

Proposed by Councillor Thompson confirmed the provisional booking included the insurance matter and clean up requirements. Seconded by Councillor Cracknell. All agreed.

23.48 Replacement Gate

Chair suspended SOs for this item

Gate used to be locked but that area became restricted for the number of cars. Consider extending the car park which remains locked but for the number of cars expected for 2 teams. The gate is generally open.

Discussions being undertaken with relevant people to discuss i.e. VIA EM re car parking, Ian Boothroyd re. off parking, as have different responsibilities.

Car Park works report – can that be made public?. Councillor Sarre explained there was no reasons why it could not be shared but it was indecipherable and we were waiting for a summary version.

Terms of hire – which was reviewed earlier in year included the need to encourage teams to park in car park and car share. It remains a challenge.

Chair reinstated the SOs.

Require a replacement wooden gate as broken, unsafe. Quotes provided for £435 and £700.

Proposed by Councillor Thompson to replace the non-functioning gate replace with local supplier £438 quote, seconded by Councillor Cracknell. Agreed 3 for, 2 abstained.

23.49 Skateboard litter bin

Chair suspended SOs for this item to allow for public participation

2 bins on the skating surface. Temporary plastic bin in the corner is being removed by users. If was noted if it is intended to be concreted into the ground it will need a different spec, as a concrete based bin isn't secured. A resident queried the purpose if not being used already.

Chair reinstated the SOs.

Youth Council have suggested having recycling bins next to regular bins across the village. Point noted for future reflection.

Proposal £302+VAT and concreting in and place an order with Broxap. Proposed by Councillor Thompson, seconded by Councillor Cracknell.

23.50 Planting

Chair suspended SOs for this item to allow for public participation

Resident noted that one quote was not relevant for this item, whilst supporting documents suggest 2 quotes. Also unclear how to discuss fencing if unclear how much was needed. Proposer noted that this had been discussed with Newark and Sherwood District Council who originally offered to do for around £100 however existing posts were too rotten and offer was rescinded.

Councillor Healy explained, fence measured and quote from Mark Hazard for this fencing and quote from Rainworth Fencing, so 2 quotes available (£379.20 and £600 plus £50 for the seed plus £25 for signage + VAT). 1 of the formal quotes was missing from the report but explained by Councillor Thompson. Confirmed the overall approximate total £410 of the lower quote.

Chair reinstated the SOs.

Proposed by Councillor Healy to accept lower quote, seconded by Councillor Shakeshaft. All agreed.

Signed

Dated:

Name