

Committee, Group or Sub Group : Community Enhancement Group

Meeting Date & Venue: 25th November 2020 at 7pm via Zoom

Report Author: Adele Sharp - Chairman

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Present were: Adele Sharp (AS), Paddy Riordan (PR) Colin Bowden (CB), Sam Lain-Rose (SLR), Simon McNeil (SM)

Apologies: none received

* The minutes of 28th October 2020 were accepted.

* Matters arising not on the agenda - none

1. Parade disabled public toilet -

Finance and strategy group have been discussing the finance implications.

Constraints to reopen the Parade disabled public toilet.

- Rental of site – KCC. Based on how KCC lease the Library site to MBC for a peppercorn rate, we do not foresee a major financial burden. Even the legal cost should be straightforward and minimal.
- Radar lock – Ironmonger direct quote £203 for a set plus the installation cost. There is no cost to us for the £5 key as disabled users possess their own for their own use. WE may wish to buy one as an emergency key to be held somewhere e.g. Spar / Library.
- We also have a cost for some minor repairs before reopening.
- Cleaning. Quotations have been sought. Paxmans and See clear responded. Paxman, as our current provider and a local business for the Bell Lane toilets, would be our preferred provider. The addition of the Parade disabled toilet would only require cleaning, no open and close. It makes sense to have one provider for both sites. Seeclear quotation is £98 a week for both toilet sites @ £40 a week cheaper = £2000 a year, than Paxman quotation.

Action:

Recommend that Seeclear are appointed as cleaning provider as value for money. The contract should be ready by us from March 2021, hopefully the parade toilets will be ready to open by then, but even if they are not, we would still be running at a better cost.

Recommend F&SG agree the current budget for this to be done as its already in the budget for next year. £3000 legal and maintenance costs

SLR offered to try to obtain a third quote for transparency, even though attempts have been made to do this already

2. Planters -

GSG planters and shrubs planted. D George has obtained a lot of bulbs to plant. GSG have a proposal for full council to plant up under the gateway entry signs into the village.

3. Wimpy Field -

GSG – D George and others have been keeping an eye on maintenance.

Access – in hand

4. Surrenden Field

a - Pavilion - PR is in the process of finalising the ideas around this and will send round when done. Community Events team happy to contribute.

b - Paths - Whites Landscaping (previous constructors) - £14,380 +VAT for the play area down to Thatcher Rd / Bathurst Road entrance. CB did a drawing to show the path away from the children's area to enable it to join as a running track at a later date. Quotation with the office £60,000 section 106 money for green spaces which could be used towards that. Discussion about exactly where running track could be if agreed.

Action: Recommend that we ask SPC to apply for the 106 money.

c - Hedges – cut back quite low due to lots of bramble, ivy and rubbish in there. Hopefully it will grow back much more healthily and neat and then we will be able to keep to 12 foot height.

d - Adult outdoor gym /exercise eqpt. CB looking into funding – in hand. There was discussion about where this would be located in order to be able to still use the field for other events.

e – WW1 commemorative bench. –

Proposal for it to be installed at Surrenden Field at the Northern end in the middle (thatcher Road end). Community Events Group to install.

4. Telephone box - PR found someone from BT to be able to repair the glass panels. Will also need a repaint. In hand.

5. Spring matters

Library repaint - we have the money etc but need to wait for the weather to allow. We have been unable to find out who the key holder is.

Discussion about sad that the library is not open in some capacity. The hub has had books donated 11-1pm Wednesdays if anyone wants a book in the meantime.

Action: Ask clerk to enquire from KCC who is the key holder and if it's possible to open, if only part time.

6. A.O.B.

None

The meeting ended at 8:40pm.

Date & Venue of next meeting: 7pm Wednesday 20th January 2021, zoom

Group membership

AS Adele Sharp

PR Paddy Riordan

HM Helen Miller

JP John Perry

CB Colin Bowden

ZR Zara Rawlinson

SM Simon McNeill

SLR Sam Lain-Rose