

Community Enhancement Group

Meeting on 26th August 2020, 7pm - Zoom meeting

- * Present: PR JB CB SM JP HM AS
- * Apologies: ZR
- * Minutes of last meeting 27.7.20 Agreed
- * Matters arising not on the agenda - none

Updates:-

1. Parade disabled public toilet – 1 set of quotations have been obtained for cleaning to go to full council to consider. Paxman's quotation 5 days (or 3 days) a week £4000 a year + @ £250 for consumables - proposal was to start at 3 days a week and consider increasing to 5 days if they are a mess as used 7 days a week (next years budget?). Question was raised is there a possibility to ask them for a 'good' deal as what is required is 'just' a clean and no opening and closing as is done for Bell Lane toilets? **JP**. All agreed that Paxman's are very good at doing the job and are a local business. Agreed we will obtain other quotations for full council. **SM**
PR added that when painting the Library, they will paint toilets & repair too.

Action – await quotations and Paxman's response to then go to full council

2. Parade carpark brickwork - MBC have repaired the brickwork at their expense. A part that hadn't needed to be repaired has now been damaged on the Library side! Basically we need a kind 'brickie' to lay a newer foundation further in at a cheap price. So far quotations have been £10,000 + which no one feels comfortable spending public money on private land. Metal fence was discussed but disliked as ugly. It was suggested that posts with stop signs might be cheaper! **CB** will look into.

3. Planters - GSG are managing these. AS (also on GSG) sent plant ideas. David George has removed some 'inappropriate' plants and will be adding other plants. Payback team have weeded. The planters have been a bit different than intended as the sleepers were a bit larger than expected. They were managed with on site on the day. P Spearink will order sleepers. Acorn Hire donated 'band stands' to put the sleepers on, hopefully completed in next few weeks. **PR CB PS**

To do:-

4. Wimpy Field

a- feedback – August weekend with volunteers and Payback team, strimmed area, some cutting back and did a general tidy up. Need toilet access for Payback team in future.

b- access gate - CB had produced some drawings - AS CB PR have yet to meet. Everyone has been a bit busy and will be something we can do as soon as we can fit it in to our diaries!

5. Library - At the last meeting it was agreed we should be able to repaint building (and disabled toilet at same time). **PR, Payback team, P. Spearing, J Castro**, will also jet wash ramp & gutters (not roof) – no labour costs.

Action – Following discussions since then with Eric Hotson, we recommend to full council that we formally ask E Hotsons KCC if he can help fund the £500 courtesy from his Members grant to complete the painting work, (light grey which KCC have agreed to).

Lease? We think KCC own land, MBC lease and rent to SPC. **JP** will enquire.

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6. Proposal for a work bench for the caretaker and community groups to be sited in the air raid shelter. P Spearink wooden work bench or suggestion of a metal work bench 'machine mart'? **CB**

Action recommend to full council to have it installed - £600 budget (staff?)

note: SCC have 3 units in the air raid shelters, all occupied as a favour. SCC have no objection to a work bench in the SPC air raid shelter but please understand that they do not charge any user for the use of any space in the air-raid shelter and can be told to leave at any time and for no reason with no need to provide alternative accommodation i.e. no security of tenure. This is so they can redevelop the site and use of air-raid space is not part of the lease.

7. Surrenden Field – reopened

a- Discussion about an Adult outdoor gym / exercise eqpt installation?

The new Redrow estate has some equipment.

Seem to be looking at £15 – 20,000 **PR / CB** happy to look into it and if there are grants available.

It's possible that Section 106 money could be used as well as asking other businesses regarding their community funds (Sainsburys, Subway, Coral).

b- Pavilion – All agreed that we should refurbish to get maximum use from the building.

SCEG are interested in helping us with this and improving the building, although 10 toilets seems unlikely. **PR** has ideas both small renovation and larger extension. **JB** might have a plan **MB** had done. Small renovation as start and plan to do larger new build later.

Action **PR** and **JB** produce plans to discuss at next meeting. Also a pop up idea to show need was suggested. **SM** to look into.

c- paths – Paths installed by Whites Landscaping at the school end have been excellent and well used and the now tarmaced cut 'Nicholson Walk' to the main road have been well used.

A quotation from Whites landscaping to create a path all the way round the field with a robust area for fete lorries @ £42,000 + VAT. If we had the money it would be something to carry forward but maybe concentrate on the Thatcher road to play area path as the next one to look at. **PR.** to get quotation.

Some other proposals were put forward – picnic area, low fenced off and tree shade, additional planting and benches. **AS** will look into and contact GSG.

* AOB

- Merit Award – to our notable parishioners for their community work.

Action Recommendation to SPC that we post on the SPC website / facebook page that we are looking for this years winner, please write into the office with your nomination and why (Not a discussion on FB!). Also recommend SPC add a junior section as well.

* Date of next meeting: Tuesday 22nd September 2020 7pm zoom

Group membership

AS Adele Sharp

PR Paddy Riordan

SM Simon McNeill

JB Joan Buller

CB Colin Bowden

SLR Sam Lain-Rose

HM Helen Miller

ZR Zara Rawlinson

JP John Perry