

The Minutes of the Community Projects Committee meeting held at Gurnard Village Hall in Worsley Road on Thursday 25th July 2013 at 7pm.

PRESENT: **Councillors** Fuller, Javaid & Mrs Bugden, **Messrs** Rainey & Lloyd

There were no comments from members of the Public present (4)

CP203

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Resolved: That Mr Rainey is elected as Chairman

CP204

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Ms Marriott who had another engagement and from Mr Jacobs who was unwell

CP205

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Fuller declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 6 due to him being an IW Councillor and the IW Council being the landowner of the site concerned.

No written dispensation requests were received.

A review was carried out of non-Councillor committee members' registers of interest who were present, with no changes being required.

CP206

MINUTES

The minutes of the Community Projects Committee meeting held on 29th January 2013 were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

CP207

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 29th JANUARY 2013

a.

Re minute CP198e – Allotments: 3 representatives of the Northwood Allotment Society attended and gave a short report on the forming of the association, and made themselves available for questions from the committee members. The Lower Luton Farm site has been a success, and 100 people attended an open day. The association was formed which is completely separated from the Parish Council and is self governing, and there are regular meetings. It was a steep learning curve but help was forthcoming from other associations such as Moorgreen Lane, and a team of enthusiastic people is fundamental to success. Water had to be brought on to the site, and the association has joined Country Watch – there has only been one security issue. Finance is complemented by a raffle being held at each meeting, with 50% of the proceeds going to the association and which helps with the water bill. Plot holders pay a plot fee and £12 a year for water & insurance. Northwood is happy to walk the Gurnard site and assist as it can, and questions followed which included all 37 plots now being taken and there is a waiting list. If plots are not maintained they receive 3 letters and then they are out! They have some starter plots for those who are trying allotment gardens out, and most plot holders are from Cowes and Northwood. 8' x 6' sheds are allowed, and there is also a community shed for lawnmowers and tools. There is an on-site car park and insurance is provided through the association, which each plot holder subscribes to. Advice is to talk to Country Watch, though there is a membership fee.

b.

Re: minute CP199c – water supply & drainage: No research has been carried out yet to identify water supply and drainage points on the proposed orchard and allotment site.
Agreed: That contact would be made with the IW Council to identify spurs for both drainage and water supply.

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CP208

OPEN SPACES PROJECT

Minutes CP111b, CP121b, CP129, CP137 CP146, CP156, CP 165, CP172, CP182, CP191 & CP199 refer

a. Asset Transfer Update

The Parish Council met with the new Deputy Leader and the eco portfolio holder of the IWC on 12/7/13 and the proposals with a plan for the site was left with them. Assurances were made that the transfer to the Parish Council would take place, but probably on a long lease rather than a sale. Written confirmation of the proposals is promised and the latest advice received is that things should be moving ahead by October.

b. Specification & Schedule of Works

Several site meetings have taken place with various contractors, seeking quotes for the proposed works. Figures and drawings from 4 play area equipment manufacturers, together with 2 landscape contractors, were displayed for all to view which included different ideas and approaches. A financial update was also provided and discussion included the cost of the project and the possible use of volunteer labour, though it was pointed out that a 3 month appeal for help in creating a working party last year had been fruitless. The schedule of works has been updated, but there will be more work to do to this once the final scheme is identified.

Councillor Fuller left the meeting at 7.52pm.

c. Planning Application

Sport England has given its support to the project, and it was felt that no further pre-application meetings with the IW Council were needed. An ecology and tree report will be needed, and perhaps Richard Day and Richard Bolwell may be able to assist. The use of training grids on the plans is encouraged, and there will now only be one large concrete shed on the boundary of the orchard and main field. With details of play equipment being to hand, moving forward with the application should now be possible.

d. Further Consultation

Consideration was given to involving the Primary School pupils in a further stage of consultation and it was felt going in with the final scheme would be a good idea, subject to consultation with Liz Jackson.

Agreed: To set up a small working party to sift through all the manufacturers' information, with a view to bringing a proposed scheme to the next committee meeting to recommend to the Parish Council for approval. To proceed with submitting the planning application for change of use a.s.a.p. and, subject to agreement from Liz Jackson, to go into the school to present the final scheme.

CP209

EXTENDED SCHOOLS AGENDA

Minutes CP149b, CP 158b, CP166b, CP174, CP184, CP192 & CP200 refer

As Kathy Marriott was not present, **it was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting and to check if she is still connected to education.**

CP210

FUTURE PROJECTS

No other projects were identified at this time

CP211

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

No items were raised

The meeting closed at 8.17pm

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Chairman