

The Minutes of the Community Projects Committee meeting held at Gurnard Village Hall in Worsley Road on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 7pm.

PRESENT: **Councillors** Fuller, Javaid & Mrs Bugden, **Messrs** Rainey (Chairman) & Lloyd and **Ms** Marriott

There were no comments from members of the Public present (0)

CP212

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Mr Jacobs who had a prior engagement

CP213

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest and no written dispensation requests were received  
A review was carried out of one final outstanding non-Councillor committee member's register of interest, with no changes being required.

CP214

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the Community Projects Committee meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2013 were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

CP215

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 25<sup>th</sup> JULY 2013**

a.

Water Supply

Minute CP207b refers (Minute CP199c also refers)

It has been said there are two water supplies, one in the orchard and one in the field. A site meeting with the former caretaker in the summer revealed there is a water pipe which is connected to a supply in the ground behind the buildings close to the road, and runs in the hedge up to a point about midway between the roadside hedge and access to the field from the orchard. It is not clear what will happen to the supply point once development has taken place, and no drainage could be detected on the orchard site.

b.

Asset Transfer

CP 208 refers

The buildings site developer's agent has asked about the boundary between the orchard and buildings site, looking for feedback on the idea of the developer having a section of land in the orchard, to provide a wider "buffer zone" between the new houses and the orchard space due to the close proximity of one of the planned houses.

**Agreed: That dialogue should be entered into, to clarify the detail.**

CP216

**OPEN SPACES PROJECT**

Minutes CP111b, CP121b, CP129, CP137 CP146, CP156, CP 165, CP172, CP182, CP191, CP199 & CP208 refer

a.

Specification & Schedule of Works

A small working party met in the summer to trawl through all the contractors' information received to identify a possible scheme, which was presented to the committee for consideration together with a phased work schedule. It was recognized that basic running costs of the site need clarifying.

**Resolved: That the Committee recommends the agreed scheme to the Parish Council, but on the basis of the project being phased with phase 1 & 2 being considered initially, leaving phases 3 to 6 until a later date.**

b.

Asset Transfer Update

The IW Council's Cabinet has formally approved the Parish Council as a special purchaser of the 2 sites following which a meeting was held on 7/11/13 with two IW Council officers, and the issue

of allotment gardens on either site being a problem for the Dept of Education was raised again. Clarification has been sought from the IW Council asking for some definitive evidence that this actually is the DfE position but it seems the IW Council, as a condition of awarding itself consent to dispose of the land on behalf of the DfE and the Education Funding Agency, would enforce restrictive covenants on its use. There is still some uncertainty how to interpret those covenants with respect to growing spaces.

**Resolved: That the Committee recommends to the Parish Council that clarification of the term “habitat” is sought from the Education Funding Agency and whether this would include “community gardens”. That the committee recommends to the Parish Council that it considers option 3 of the IW Council’s letter on the issue of the asset transfer, with the premise that the Parish Council can try to amend or remove the 11 year covenant if it wishes to.**

c. Planning Application

The Parish Council considered approving the expenditure of the arboriculture and ecology survey as well as the submission of the planning application in both October and November, and has deferred this decision until the asset transfer details are clearer.

d. Further Consultation

The Parish Council has suggested that further consultation work should be carried out by the Community Projects Committee on all aspects of the proposals and it was

**Agreed: That the Committee accepts it may be desirable to carry out further consultation, but to wait for clarification and confirmation of the asset transfer first.**

CP217 **EXTENDED SCHOOLS AGENDA**

Minutes CP149b, CP 158b, CP166b, CP174, CP184, CP192, CP200 & CP209 refer.

**Agreed: That the agenda now lies with the schools and so to liaise directly with the school in future, and to remove this topic as a standard agenda item.**

CP218 **FUTURE PROJECTS**

No other projects were identified at this time

CP219 **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

No items were raised

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

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Chairman