

Tarporley Parish Council

Outdoor Sports & Recreation Committee

**Minutes of the Outdoor Sports & Recreation Committee
Monday 7th September, Tarporley Community Centre.**

Present :

Ste Allan (Groundworks), Paul Adamson, John Clark, Peter Heberlet (Groundworks), James Kennedy, Richard Line, John Millington, Andrew Wallace, Angie Yates.

Clerk - Ann Wright.

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Chairman

15/SR1 Resolved: That Andrew Wallace be appointed Chairman of the Committee for 2015-2016.

Vice Chairman

15/SR2 Resolved: That John Millington be appointed Vice Chairman of the Committee for 2015-2016.

Apologies

Paul Adamson - late due to coaching commitments.

Nigel Taylor

Declaration of Interests

It was noted that Councillors Millington and Kennedy have requested dispensations to allow them to take part in discussions in relation to the development of the Brook Road sports and recreation facilities as they live in close proximity to the site.

Angie Yeates also declared that she lives in close proximity to the site.

Terms of Reference

It was noted that the wording of the current terms of reference places responsibility for the redevelopment of the Community Centre Field (CCF) with the Community Centre itself who do not have the resources to undertake this work. A definition needs to be included as to who the 'Committee' are and what areas they are responsible for. It was agreed that Tarporley Parish Council be asked to amend the terms to provide more clarity.

Public Participation

James Blackford, former Parish Councillor stated it had been the intention that the CCF would be part of the remit of the committee when the idea was first developed. He thanked all for volunteering to take on this onerous but rewarding project. He stated that he was concerned by the number of people on the committee who live in close proximity to the field and how this will influence decisions on its use. He also confirmed the person who had been willing to cut the grass in Brook Road was no longer willing to do so. Councillor Wallace agreed to contact another person who may be able to cut it.

Community Centre Field Drainage

It was noted the Community Centre Committee had a report done on the CCF drainage but had not undertaken a full survey, the report had stated bore holes would need to be drilled to

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establish why the field becomes water logged. The report had highlighted that United Utilities would not allow the field drains to go into the existing storm drains on Eaton Road. It was suggested a full survey which would also include drainage recommendations and possible costings would cost approximately £500/600. It was agreed the Parish Council should be asked to undertake a drainage survey on the CCF at the same time as the Brook Road field survey. It was reported that the soil was found to be very clay like during the excavations on the CCF for the new path.

Topography Survey

Survey to be undertaken week commencing 14th September, results expected by Friday 18th September.

Design & Costings

Brook Road - revised designs include an extended car park with 21 permanent spaces including accessible spaces and 12 additional spaces on grasscrete.

It was agreed the consultation should include a proposal and images for a pedestrian access onto Brook Road near the existing field gate, it was proposed this could be a chicane type access which would provide a refuge for people coming off the playing field, not directly onto the road, and a crossing point to the existing pavement. The chicane would also act as traffic calming and would possibly need to be lit. Work needs to be done to identify the cost for the proposed crossing and how it would be funded as the cost is unlikely to be covered by grants.

It was noted that the highways risks/dangers are greater once the field is developed as it will have high pedestrian usage. This will be raised with CW&C during pre-application discussions.

The positioning of pitches etc on the field may need to be adjusted following the topography survey results.

The pavilion is based on the same footprint as that at Ashton Hayes which includes changing rooms and a garage or store for equipment as well as solar panels and ground source heat pumps.

A budget of £35,000 had been included for play equipment.

The total estimated cost not including any ground works is £730,000 inc vat, although it was noted that the Parish Council can claim the vat back.

The committee considered whether the design should be more sports and pitch focused which would provide the field with a greater earning potential making it more sustainable. It was noted there is a shortage of sports fields and pitches recognised by organisations including Sports England.

Community Centre Field - plan has been amended to include vehicle access for the carnival etc. The budget including money for drainage works is £135,000 inc vat.

It was suggested that if drained there could be a useable junior pitch which could be well used and would attract funding possibly also for future maintenance.

It was agreed the Boules area be replaced with a seating and picnic area, it was also suggested the benches be removed from the entrance off Eaton Road as these will attract smoking teenagers. It was noted seating areas need to have active surveillance and not be hidden.

The aim of the CCF improvements are to provide something for everyone.

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It was suggested that both sites need to be developed for the use of the village rather than to purely raise funds.

Funding - Peter Heberlet circulated a table of possible funding sources.

John Clark agreed to continue to try and contact the Cheshire FA and Football Foundation to obtain advice about possible funding streams, it was agreed he would include the Clerk in all communications.

It was reported that Councillors had met with Sarah Dobbins (CW&C Localities Team) to discuss S106 funding, which includes £290,000 for sports pitches and open space on Brook Road and a further £70,000 for pitches from the Nantwich Road development as well as some smaller pots of money. Sarah Dobbins had offered to help with funding applications and would attend committee meetings when available.

It was noted some grants can only be applied for once planning permission has been obtained.

The committee also need to consider who will apply for funding, Parish Council, Community Centre or Groundworks.

A final breakdown of costs is required before grant applications can be made.

Timeline - A timeline of activities was circulated, this will be updated dated and re-circulated showing the application being submitted around March 2016.

Vacancy

It was agreed the Committee should advertise to fill the final position on the committee with someone who has expertise in grant applications and has an interest in helping to develop the two fields. This will be included in the next Tarporley Talk, on the Tarporley Facebook page as well as on the notice board.

Next Steps

Previously discussed.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 23rd November from 7.30pm, Committee Room, Tarporley Community Centre
agenda items to include possible lighting.

Ann Wright
09/09/2015

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