

Tarporley Parish Council

Minute Book

April 2017

Meeting with Bunbury Play Area
Parking Meeting (Lychgate Lane)

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Meeting with Members of Tarporley Parish Council and Beth Hayward.
Wednesday 29th March 2017
The Old Rectory, Bunbury

Present:

Cllr John Millington Cllr Andrew Wallace
Abigail Webb – Project Co-ordinator

Beth Hayward – Bunbury Play area Committee

This meeting was arranged to discuss how the village of Bunbury redeveloped the play area. Beth provided a brief overview of the Bunbury Play Area project

- The project took approximately 2 and half years to complete.
- Beth was the key project co-ordinator/manager which was needed to keep the project on track.
- A Committee was formed to make decisions and for support. This included between 15/20 members over the 2 and a half years and roughly 8 members at any one time.
- The committee visited different play area such as Kelsall and Ashton Hayes to see what what equipment they had and how they used the space. This also allowed the committee to observe the children playing on the equipment.
- Bunbury Parish Council own the field and rent it to the Play Area Committee for £1 a year.

Year One/Two

Deciding what was needed for Bunbury Play Area (limit the choice during consultation to two or three options)

Liaised with Landscape Architect. Lorcan Moriarty from Newground was used for the Bunbury Play Area and is recommended. The landscape Architect was key to the project and discussed what the play area should look like, how the space can be used in the best way and liaised with contractors etc. The Landscape Architect also completed the planning applications.

Community Consultation is essential to keep local residents aware and involved in the project. This provided an opportunity for issues to be raised and dealt with.

Developed plans for the site and promoted these through a family fun day.

It took approximately 18 months from submitting the applications for funding to receiving the money, it is not a quick process.

Finances/Funding

The project cost £250,000 in total to complete however none of this funding came from property developers.

£100,00 Equipment

£40,000 Drainage

The rest of the funding was used on creation of the perimeter track, tree and flower planting and soft landscaping, signage etc.

Sponsors/Funders

£75,000 WREN

£80,000 Veolia

£110,00 Reaching Communities

£50,000 Local Business Sponsors (the committee provided a wish list and the local businesses decided what they wanted to sponsor).

£4,000 Peckforton Castle from a family fun day

Sports England were key in the project and this must be involved from the start. A good contact for Sports England is Amy Shackles as she worked closely with the Bunbury Play Area Committee. This funding was provided through the Community Asset Fund. The National Lottery have also provided funds to this project and this money is being used to pay for a professional trainer to deliver fitness classes on the play area for the next 3 years.

Activities

'Anyone can Play' is the strap line for the Play Area and the aim is to reduce isolation and increase inclusivity for the whole community. It is designed to stop children sitting in front of computers every evening and also to encourage older and/or socially isolated people to get involved in a class with the added benefit of increasing their fitness. The creation of a perimeter track is very useful as it provides an area for adult fitness classes such as bootcamp and buggy fit. Other classes and activities include Forest School and Bunfit which costs £1 to attend. Strong and Stretch and Sit and Get Fit are classes targeting people with less mobility or fitness. Track walking is a weekly social event which anyone can attend and involves walking around the track. The castle inspired theme to the play area and every 3 months, a story teller visits the play area to talk about local legends and act out scenes using the play equipment which also includes a castle.

Equipment

After reviewing a number of play area equipment companies, Timber Play was agreed by the committee. The Committee wanted the play area to have a natural look and feel so the wooden equipment provided this. This equipment has steel feet that goes into the ground and is guaranteed for 15 years.

Meeting with Members of Tarporley Parish Council and Residents/Business Owners of Lychgate Lane.

Thursday 13th April 2017
The Manor House, High Street

Present:

Cllr Gill Clough

Cllr Elaine Chapman

Abigail Webb – Acting Clerk

Michael Scott – St Helen's Church

Joanne Combey – Molly Mop

David Brown - Resident

Apologies

Rodney Newport - Resident

Julie Bijsterbosch - Resident

Joanne had been monitoring the parking along Lychgate Lane over the last few months and the vehicles that are causing the most concern are those relating to the church such as wedding cars, funeral cars and maintenance vehicles. Her main concern, once the time limited parking regulations have been introduced, is that the cars parked along Lychgate would be blocked in by these vehicles and as a result would be issued with parking tickets.

The option of having double yellow lines along the whole of Lychgate Lane was discussed along with reducing the number of parking bays on Lychgate Lane to just two. Also if there was a large turning circle at the top of Lychgate Lane for use only by vehicles to the church, this would then ensure that these vehicles would not block any others in.

Parking permits specifically for Molly Mop was also discussed. However Gill Clough stated that this has already been discussed with CWAC Highways and this was not an option. David Brown suggested there may be a solution to the problem, whereby Joanne uses his drive to park her car. Details on this private offer to be discussed further between David and Joanne.

Another area of concern is about whether wedding cars, funeral cars and church/cemetery maintenance vehicles would be permitted to park in the area around the Lychgate, at the bottom of Lychgate Lane, without being issued with parking tickets. Jerry Gibbs CWAC Highways had said this was possible but confirmation is required from Ken Prior CWAC Traffic Enforcement. Therefore a meeting with both Jerry Gibbs and Ken Prior needs to be arranged to discuss this and other possible options regarding parking for these vehicles.

Action – Acting Clerk to arrange a meeting with CWAC Highways and Parking Enforcement.

Abigail Webb - Acting Clerk

15th April 2017