

## **RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WORKING GROUP MEETING – 25 APRIL 2024**

At the remote meeting of the Recreational Facilities Working Group held by video conference on Wednesday 25 April 2024, the following Councillors were present:-

Cllr. W F Couzens – Chairperson

Cllr. M A Booth - Cllr. D Coleman  
Cllr. S D Booth - Cllr. J H Mallen

In attendance

Mr G Ranaweera - Town Clerk and Responsible  
Financial Officer

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### **24/023. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. J Leggett.

### **24/024. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 22 MARCH 2024**

Minutes of the meeting held on 24 March 2024 were unavailable.

### **24/025. MATTERS ARISING**

#### (1) White House Farm 2023/1943

Further to Minute 24/014, representatives of Persimmon Homes have been invited to attend a meeting of full Council to discuss the provision of play equipment at White House Farm development.

#### (2) Planting of Trees - Cannerby Lane

Further to Minute 24/015, Richard Pearson has been contacted again with regard to a list of suitable trees to be planted on the green at Cannerby Lane. Still no response received.

#### (3) Summer Fete - 2024

Further to Minute 24/018, Clare Lincoln (SYEP) is looking for available volunteers to assist with the Council's summer fete.

#### (4) Diamond Field - Football Nets

Further to Minute 24/022, football nets at the Diamond Field have been removed.

### **24/026. VIKING CENTRE**

Cllr. W F Couzens reported that work was progressing at the Viking Centre with the next major works being the removal of the roof.

## **24/026. VIKING CENTRE (CONTINUED)**

Hutchinson contractors were able to access the telecommunications mast and have completed relevant works.

The rear extension is ready for the concrete floor slab to be laid.

Steel work is due to arrive approximately 28 April 2024.

It is hoped a signing of the steel ceremony will be held 8 May 2024.

The development is on target for November 2024.

## **24/027. WHITE HOUSE FARM DEVELOPMENT**

Cllr. M A Booth advised phase 2 of the White House Farm development will incorporate 33% affordable housing, pedestrian crossings and leisure facilities concentrated around the present farm; creating a small village centre.

Concerns raised by residents included no Doctors facility, roadways, speed of traffic and lack of busses.

Cllr. W F Couzens did not feel the presentation given to Council by representatives of Persimmon Homes was particularly progressive as they constantly blamed other people for the problems encountered.

Cllr. D Coleman had taken photographs of the various play areas and open spaces highlighting the number of stones laying on the grass which was supposed to have been removed.

She commented that a pile of bricks and clamps had been massed close to the benches which she assumed residents had cleared from the play area.

The playing field is uneven, patchy and full of dock leaves and detritus.

She felt there was drainage issues in area L7; the new location for the MUGA, and questioned what area L6 would now be used for.

Silver Birches had been planted and a large bed created around them which had not been mulched and was now covered in weeds.

Town Clerk to contact the representatives from Persimmon Homes and Chris Raine to:

- (1) advise that Council is not satisfied with the play equipment or state of the grass surface
- (2) invite them to a site visit
- (3) request a copy of the RoSPA inspection report.

Cllr. Coleman's photographs of the site to be circulated to Councillors.

## **24/028. BROADLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL BEESTON PARK DEVELOPMENT**

Waiting for developers to invite councils of all parishes impacted by the Beeston Park development to a presentation.

## **24/029. SUMMER FETE - 2024**

The Town Clerk confirmed the main pillars were in place. He was currently trying to encourage more stall holders to the fete.

Cllr. W F Couzens mentioned that he had invited Broadland District Council to attend with their Help Hub caravan and asked if Trevor Holden had been in touch.

Town Clerk to contact Trevor Holden.

Cllr. M G Callam agreed to speak to the churches and confirm their attendance.

In response to a question from Cllr. W F Couzens the Town Clerk advised he was meeting with the Air Cadets regarding D-Day 80 and would use this opportunity to request their assistance at the fete.

## **24/030. D-DAY 80 (06/06/2024)**

The Town Clerk affirmed preparations were in hand. He was meeting with the Air Cadets to clarify how much space they required for a drill. He had also met with a representative of the church and it had been agreed to use the churches PA system and electricity supply. Should the weather be inclement the event would be held inside the church.

Cllr's. M A Booth, S D Booth and M G Callam offered to help with refreshments, decorations and marshalling at the event.

## **24/031. FORWARD PLAN**

The Town Clerk to prepare a schedule of items identified for inclusion in the Forward Plan.

There was a discussion on the potential to screen regular children's films.

Responding to a question from Cllr. M A Booth the Town Clerk said he had recently received the formal contract and tender document for the street light replacement programme from MPLAW and hoped to circulate them as soon as possible.

## **24/032. AOB**

There was no other business discussed.

**24/033. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 30 May 2024, 4.00pm

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