



Turnpike Field & Playing Field Recreation Areas Working Group

Wednesday 28th October 2020

7.00pm, online via Zoom

Present: Cllr Steve Boyes – Chair, Cllr Ralph Warburton, Judy Evans, Adrian Leighton, George McLaren-Brown, Michael Cookson, Steve Elliott, Interim Clerk – Paul Barton. Chris Lewis In attendance

1. Public Forum – members of public to ask any questions re Turnpike Field

Steve Boyes introduced Chris Lewis to the meeting

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Neil Goodyear.

3. Declaration of Interest

None received.

4. Notes of Previous Meeting 16 September

Steve Boyes provided a brief update of the previous meeting.

5. Matters Arising

As below.

6. Nature report

Adrian Leighton provided a short report stressing that there was a fundamental in that it was a partnership where there was a need for a balance between it being a public amenity and a wildlife sanctuary. There was the need to draw up a long term plan noting that the survey had already identified a good number of wildlife diversity

There followed an open exchange of ideas involving all present covering

- Green area
- Green car park as per the original concept and the preplanning actions taken
- That the area had been grazed over many years for sheep pasture and would have been fortified and as a result wildflower spread might/will take longer.
- The need for a clear plan as to what the field should be used for and how it should be managed going forward.



- What money would be required to sustain and manage it into the future.

7. Signage/Security and Maintenance

- The group was reminded that conceptually there was a need for a security barrier and that some costs had been obtained
- That a maintenance plan had been put forward in January at around the time of the CWT survey.
- It was agreed that villagers need to be fully engaged in the ownership of the field as a community asset with some discussion on how to engage and the general timetable
- Signage: There was further discussion over the style of signage for the field (rustic/country park style) and confirmation of the need for four strategically placed signs and their content (no camping/no littering).
- It was confirmed that the entry gate should be set back from the road but that CEC Highways should be contacted to establish at a pre planning stage covering the Highways requirements on access and barrier.
- The need for lifebelts to the ponds was deemed as both essential and important. Michael Cookson offered to find suitable ones and circulate findings.
- It was agreed that combination locks should be used on access gates and Steve Boyes agreed to obtain/request two suitable locks using the same number combination numbers as existing locks
- The floating bog was discussed where different ideas were considered over wood chips and/or timber boardwalks. Steve Elliott agreed to contact Lynnette Hopkins to ascertain whether a contact had been made about grant enquiries.
- Consideration to be given to the ongoing maintenance of the hedges between the North and South fields as well as the safety aspects on the banks of the field where there was some movement. It was agreed that this should be looked into to identify both the problem and resolution.
- A small working group comprising Adrian Leighton, Chris Lewis, Ralph Warburton, Neil Goodyear (and Judy Evans if available) to meet with a view to creating a rolling 12 month plan with Ralph Warburton arranging a date.

8. Finance

a. Sources of funding.

Grant funding discussed as above.

b. Donations.

None.

9. Communications

- As per item 6, the group discussed further public consultation to get public views on what the field is to be used for.



10. AOB

Consideration must be undertaken to establish levels of insurance either required or already in place to cover all voluntary activities that may be undertaken either on behalf of the Parish Council and/or in association with the Parish Council.

Consideration still needs to be given to the number of Councillors on the group (Next Parish Council meeting) and/or to consider the terms of reference which states the group make up.

Date of Next Meeting –

Wednesday 9th December 2020 at 7.00pm.

Action/s: Clerk to arrange a zoom call and send a diary invite.

SB declared the meeting closed at 8.15pm.