



Turnpike Field & Playing Field Recreation Areas Working Group

Wednesday 9th December 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, Neil Goodyear. Interim Clerk – Paul Barton. Chris Lewis In attendance

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

There were no other members of the public present.

2. Apologies

There were no apologies.

3. Declaration of Interest

None received.

4. Notes of Previous Meeting 28 October

Steve Boyes provided a brief update of the previous meeting.

5. Matters Arising

As below.

6. Nature report

Neil Goodyear provided an update on tree planting update and the idea of planting a new hedge behind the Shropshire street hedge if/when the decision was taken to widen the roadside footpath. It was also reported that Woodland trust are now taking applications for March planting. IN discussion it was agreed that not everyone will be in favour of planting more trees but as Cheshire Wildlife Trust advised, the planting trees now to take over from the oaks should be considered noting that keeping the south view from the north field be kept as open as possible.

The group was advised of the RHS launch of the “plant a remembrance tree” campaign and the potential planning for the Queens Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

7. Signage/Security and Maintenance

- The group considered a number of quotations obtained by Michael Cookson for signage as follows



Landmark. £793
Shelley. £1015
Nature by Design. £1158

These were to be put to the Parish Council for consideration

- The small working group have formulated a maintenance plan with quotations provided for the grass and hedge cutting. (Schedule circulated to all by Ralph Warburton)

8. Budget Planning

See above

- Cllr S Boyes advised that the Council was in the process of preparing its budgets for 2021-22 where the TF Capital expenditure was being reviewed
- Donations. There were no new donations.

9. Maintenance Issues

Cllr McLaren Brown confirmed that he was now holding the Lifebelts pending them being installed. He also confirmed that a site meeting had been arranged with Paul Reynolds of the Canal & River Trust to consider access and fencing works adjacent to Lock 11 on 6 January 2021.

10. Communications

It was agreed that it would be beneficial to hold a public meeting at the first possible opportunity.

11. Green Car Park

The group were advised that Mr David Higham has offered to provide additional information from work he did earlier. The group agreed that his input could prove very useful. Cllr McLaren Brown and the Clerk will maintain the contact. The Clerk has been in contact with 'Greentech' who provided a quotation to Mrs Lynette Hopkins last year. This has been followed up with them confirming that costs would be held as per the quotation. Contact was confirmed with Gary Chesters (Architect based in Weston, Shrewsbury) who has previously provided a quotation via David Higham. Greentech have referred the Council to Landstruction (Landscape Contractors) based in Chester with a view to them quoting to carry out the groundworks. Clerk has subsequently contacted both parties with a view to conducting a site visit in order to consider the project further, provide outline views and in the case of Gary Chesters to prepare outline drawings leading to submission to CEC Planning

12. 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 10th February 2021 at 7.00pm.

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

SB declared the meeting closed at 8.28pm.