

Newton Parish Council

Draft Minutes of a meeting of the working party on 15 June 2016 at Royal Oak, Main Street, East Bridgford, 7.30pm to 9.20 pm.

Cllrs present

Chair Cllr Mrs I Shouler, Cllr Mrs J Dobson, Cllr Mrs M Topping, Cllr A Forward

Other members of the Working Party

Mrs P Harris, Mrs Kirsty Waters , Mr Jason Stray.

In attendance

E Temple (minute taker)

Cllr Lucas Morgan.

Adviser

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1 Apologies for absence

Cllr David Simms, Mrs Sharon Wilson, Carl Henshaw, Jamie Weber,

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2016.

Approved.

Matters arising, not covered in the following agenda. None.

3.1 Planning permission needed for Wellington Avenue land leased from Residents Association?

See clause 4.4 and 23.1 of existing lease. And previous minutes. No further action on this at present.

4. Location details

Reported that the PC has asked for further review of the most suitable location. Mr Temple has obtained OS plans from Rushcliffe BC free of charge.

Existing play area at Wellington Avenue.

It may be useful to add only a slide and a swing to this, and to suggest alternative sites for additional play areas. But the prime focus is not to be on Wellington Avenue, it is not really suitable for expansion .

New areas

Mr Sycamore advised that there should not be one central big park with lots of equipment, but perhaps 3 small sites away from the Trenchard Close area with facilities for natural free-form play, (a Local Area for Play, L.A.P, and a L.E.A.P. Locally Equipped Area for Play), ie small clusters of play equipment, with no water play, rather than installing a lot of big and expensive equipment.

It is not desired to make these as magnets for people from outside the village to drive in with children (a “ destination site”) but to make it useful and accessible to village residents. The village would get more for its money.

Planning permission would need to be considered for these 3 small sites, though very possibly it might not be needed. It must be assumed at the moment that it will be needed.

Public Consultations

There have been three working party meetings and two Parish Council meetings where this has been discussed. The public have been invited to express views and have done so.

Further public consultations are to be held over the coming months. This will include a more in-depth questionnaire being circulated to all Newton households and proposed representation by the working party at community events eg Saturday 3 September at the proposed sports day, 12 noon onwards.

The date of 3 July provisionally fixed for consultations is now out of time, and we need to know that the project is viable vis a vis Newton Nottingham LLP, before expressing interest to possible grant funders, consulting on detailed plans, and applying for planning permission.

Parish Council

Mr Temple was also asked to prepare a letter to be considered by the Parish Council at its meeting on 22 June to Mr Simon Waterfield of Newton Nottingham LLP with details of what is suggested. Mr Sycamore is to be asked to check it out and add or amend as needed.

Questionnaires?

Action that the draft questionnaires be reviewed in due course, to add in further items as previously requested. To be delivered to each house, with numbered forms so that each household completes only one return.

6. Construction and choice of equipment

Refer back to next meeting.

Reports on meetings with potential contractors, and possible pricings.

Refer back to next meeting.

VAT and bank account

The Parish Council is registered for VAT and is to be asked to check with professional advisers that in these circumstances, any VAT charged is recoverable. A separate bank account for the project has already been opened at Lloyds Bank, Bingham.

7 Maintenance

Streetwise estimates to be asked for in due course

Action None.

8 Financing

Possible sources of grant funding

WREN FCC community action fund,

Biffa landfill community fund

Veolia landfill community fund

Nottingham supporting local communities fund

Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire (RCAN)

Notts County Council

Rushcliffe Borough Council Play Strategy may provide advice and possibly some funding.

Mrs Shouler reported that the PC had agreed in principle to support the project up to a maximum of £20,000.

Possible sources of grant funding? Progress?

It was noted that the various sources of grant funding insist on ensuring wide community involvement. Eg Is the project supported by the community, does it meet community needs, how will the project make a difference, who will benefit?

Action None at present.

9 Insurances

Risks during construction and ongoing risk assessment

Action Nothing at present

10 Target timescales?

These in previous minutes were recognised as aspirations and in views of the differing views of villagers, these may be put back. Mr Sycamore's report gave aspects of timings issues. Much depends on whether Nottingham-Newton LLP reacts favourably.

10. Date and location of next working party meeting

Wednesday 13 July 2016 at Royal Oak , Main Street, East Bridgford. at 7.30pm in the skittles room at the rear of the building. To be open to the public.

11. Date and location of next Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 22nd June at Car Colston Village Hall.

12. Any other business

None,

13. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Mrs I Shouler, Chair.....