

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GOLDEN JUBILEE PARK COMMITTEE held on 14 March 2005 in the Parish Room, 2 Fiddlers Lane, Saughall

In attendance: Councillor A Bailey (in the Chair)
Councillor A Marsden
Councillor C Moss
Councillor RA Storrar
Councillor A Warrington
Councillor D Whitton
Councillor C Wynne-Eyton (Tree Warden)
Councillor Mrs J Young

Co-opted Members: Mr H Dobson (Vernon Institute Management Committee)
Mr B Huxley (Saughall Cricket Club)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs JE Storrar and Mr Mike Bell.

2 CODE OF CONDUCT – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest were received.

3 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 29 November 2004 were **AGREED** as a correct record.

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

5 REVIEW OF SITE LAYOUT

It was **AGREED** to defer this item to the next meeting of the Committee as progress could not be made in the absence of the Project Co-ordinator.

6 GRANT AID OPPORTUNITIES – UPDATES

(a) WREN

The Clerk reported that the Council had made a successful funding application to Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd. It had been awarded up to £25,000 towards drainage work for the sports and recreational development on Fiddlers Lane. It was subject to the Council fulfilling certain conditions and securing the necessary match funding.

(b) Third Party Funding – Other Possibilities

It was noted that although the Clerk had targeted over twenty five known funders in the pack provided by Chester City Council's External Funding Officer, Ms Gill Cherry, none of the bids had been successful.

(c) Projects to be used to Attract Grant Aid

It was **AGREED** to defer this item to the next meeting of the Committee as no progress could be made in the absence of the Project Co-ordinator.

(d) Meeting with Consultant

It was reported that the Clerk and Mr Mike Bell had been trying to arrange a meeting between representatives of the Committee and Mr Geoff Birch of Chimera Consulting who specialised in sports projects and had worked closely with Sport England. Mr Birch was interested in meeting to discuss the project in detail. Unfortunately, despite best endeavours the necessary arrangements could not be made as yet.

It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would contact Mr Bell and ask that arrangements be made for Mr Birch to attend the next meeting of the Committee at 7:30pm on 14 April 2005 in the Parish Room, 2 Fiddlers Lane, Saughall.

(e) Gowy North Area Committee – Funding Application

The 2005/06 round of payments from Gowy North Area Committee had been announced. The closing date for receipt of completed applications was Wednesday, 20 April 2005. It was expected that demand would be high and it was advisable to apply before the closing date for any projects the Council wanted to start before April 2006. The Clerk would be advised if a second round of funding would be held.

Application forms would be considered by Ward Members and recommendations would be made at a Payments Assessment meeting on 11 May 2005. The recommendations would go forward for ratification/decision to the Area Committee meeting on 19 May 2005.

It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would make a funding application to Gowy North Area Committee for a Combination Goal End suitable for football and basketball.

(f) Saughall Cricket Club

Mr Huxley reported on progress being made and a meeting arranged with Chester City Council's External Funding Co-ordinator to look at funding bids. The funding application to Sport England was being progressed and it was intended that the Club would make mail shots to organisations that were known to fund sporting activities.

(g) Disabled Access and Path around the Periphery of the Golden Jubilee Park

It was hoped that an access path for the disabled could be the subject of a funding application to Chester City Council's Access Officer, Mr Tim Metcalfe.

It was reported that the path would need to be 1.2 metres wide to accommodate disabled people.

It was **AGREED** that quotes would be sought to dig out and lay a 1.2 metre wide path around the Park.

7 THE POND

It was reported that the new pond was stagnant and needed some attention. Also, someone had pulled out the posts that had been used to create a barrier between the Park and the pond.

The Tree Warden informed that the grass around the trees in the Park needed to be mowed.

It was **AGREED** that the Tree Warden would obtain quotes for the work required.

8 THE TENDERING PROCESS

It was noted that the work required to develop the Golden Jubilee Park would need to be put out to tender again because too much time had elapsed since the last time this was done. Also, priorities had changed and the site layout needed some attention.

A new specification needed to be drawn up and it was **AGREED** that Mr Huxley, Councillor RA Storrar and the Project Co-ordinator would meet to agree the way forward and this would be reported to the next meeting of the Council scheduled for 4 April 2005.