

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GOLDEN JUBILEE PARK COMMITTEE held on 24 May 2005 in the Parish Room, 2 Fiddlers Lane, Saughall

In attendance: Councillor A Bailey (in the Chair)
Councillor Mrs JE Storrar.
Councillor Mr RA Storrar

Co-opted Member: Mr H Dobson (Vernon Institute Management Committee)

Present: Mr R Smith (WREN)

24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from:

Mr D Bird (Project Co-ordinator)
Mr B Huxley (Saughall Cricket Club)

25 CODE OF CONDUCT – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest were received.

26 GRANT AID – WREN

Mr R Smith confirmed that in terms of fulfilling the conditions of the grant, the purchase price of the land now in the Council's ownership on Fiddlers Lane could not be counted as match funding. This was because the Council was only successful in attracting up to £25,000 for drainage work on this land, although it had applied to WREN for up to £50,000.

The Council had £1,951.25 left of the £10,000 funding it had obtained from Chester City Council's Goway North Area Committee. This could be used for match funding purposes. Also, it would be able to use the money it had put in to its designated Golden Jubilee Park Fund and if necessary vire money from other budget heads if it considered it appropriate to do so.

The Chairman informed that the Project Coordinator was currently revising the Bill of Quantities following a review of the site layout, etc. This had been undertaken because Saughall Colts had decided not to play on the new Golden Jubilee Park because all of their needs could not be accommodated on the land available.

It was known that the Saughall Cricket Club was currently pursuing funding opportunities for groundwork including making a bid to Sport England. It was **NOTED** that any successful grant applications made by the Club for groundwork could be used as match funding for the WREN grant.

Although there was a funding shortfall it was **NOTED** that the Council's preferred contractor's quotation may come in lower than those of the three contractors who had supplied quotations previously. Mr Smith confirmed that it may be necessary to amend the Council's application for WREN funding before WREN could issue a contract. However, if the quotation from the preferred bidder was lower than the

previous three quotations provided, the grant would not be reduced. WREN would still contribute £25,000.

It was **AGREED** that the Project Co-ordinator would finalise the revised Bill of Quantities and the Clerk would then send it to the preferred contractor requesting that he prepare a quotation for the work urgently. These revised costings would then be passed to Mr Smith who would advise whether or not the application to WREN would need to be amended. If amendment was necessary, he would send the Clerk the appropriate forms for completion.

Mr Smith informed that WREN had until February 2006 to issue the contract. If it had not been issued by that date the matter would be referred back to the WREN Panel for a decision on whether to extend the time period for completion of the drainage work.

Members **AGREED** to try to do all that they could to expedite the situation and avoid slippage in the hope that the drainage work could be undertaken within the next 6-8 weeks as this was the best time of the year to carry it out.

Mr Smith also set out the detail of the third party contribution. It was **NOTED** that Bell Developments Ltd would have to pay the Waste Recycling Group 11% third party funding (£2,750) to unlock the grant.