

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GOLDEN JUBILEE PARK COMMITTEE held on 1 July 2004 in the Parish Room, 2 Fiddlers Lane, Saughall

In attendance: Councillor A Bailey (in the Chair)
Councillor Mrs JE Storrar
Councillor RA Storrar
Councillor A Warrington
Councillor Mrs J Young

Co-opted Members: Mr M Bell
Mr D Bird (Project Co-ordinator)
Mr B Huxley

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors C Moss, A Marsden, Mrs D Whitton and C Wynne-Eyton and Mr D Parry.

2 CODE OF CONDUCT – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest were received.

3 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the former Focus Group meetings held on 25 March 2004 were **AGREED** as a correct record.

4 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

- RE-DESIGNATION OF LAND FOR RECREATIONAL USE
- REMOVAL OF HEDGEROW

It was reported that Chester City Council's Planning Board had given the necessary planning permission to enable the development of the land on Fiddlers Lane to go ahead. There was one condition – that the overspill car park be kept "green".

5 CHARITABLE TRUST STATUS

A meeting was shortly to take place between Councillor B Kerr and Messers Bird & Parry to discuss funding options and the best way to attract grant aid. A recommendation would then be made to Council on the way forward.

Members discussed the possibility of forming a three way partnership between the Parish Council, the Cricket Club and Saughall Colts Football Club to pursue external funding. A partnership approach was considered the best option with a constitution drawn up on similar lines to that of Saughall Youth Club.

6 GRANT AID OPPORTUNITIES

Mr Huxley reported that the Colts and Cricket Club had worked up a combined proposal with the help of Chief Inspector David Hill, a first formal joint effort of both clubs to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes for themselves and the local community of Saughall. He presented a copy of the proposal to the Clerk who **AGREED** to provide a letter of support on behalf of the Parish Council.

Councillor Mrs JE Storrar reported that residents of Malpas had raised funding to provide a modern village hall. She **AGREED** to obtain a contact telephone number so that the Chairman could find out which funding opportunities had been exploited.

WREN funding was discussed and it was noted that the application would need to be completed for the July application round. Mr Parry informed in writing that he would liaise with the Project Co-ordinator over this in the next few days.

The Clerk (as signatory to funding bids) put in by Mr Parry should receive notification directly from Trusts that had been targeted. However, she did not have a definitive list of those contacted and it was **AGREED** that she would be provided with one.

Councillor Mrs JE Storrar **AGREED** to set up a meeting between Chester City Council's External Funding Officer, Sandra Lloyd, herself and Messers Parry & Bird to discuss funding options.

7 OVERHEAD ELECTRICAL CABLES

The Project Co-ordinator reported that a site meeting had taken place between himself and Mr Edwin Davies of Powersystems on Friday, 25 June 2004 to discuss the rerouting of the overhead electrical cables. Mr Davies had informed on the proposed route for the cables along Fiddlers Lane, up Long Lane and passed Roslyn. He did not envisage a problem and would now begin the necessary process to get the work done.

The Council had documentation provided in 2002 from Mr Davies detailing the proposed route so concerns were raised that little or no action had been taken since. As planning permission had been obtained the rerouting of the cables needed to be done as soon as possible. Therefore, it was **AGREED** that the Clerk would contact Mr Davies again referring to the site visit that had now taken place and requesting a copy of the programme of works and timescales for completion.

8 STATUS OF THE TENDERS RECEIVED

The Project Co-ordinator informed that work on the new pond and barriers had not been included in the tender documents. Advice was needed from the Ecologist on the appropriate time to dredge the ponds, etc.

The Council had been successful in obtaining £10,000 of funding from Chester City Council's Gowry North Area Committee and it was **RECOMMENDED** that some of it be used to dig out the new pond and provide barriers etc. The Project Co-ordinator **AGREED** to liaise with the Colts and Cricket Club on the preferred barrier around the pond, draw up an appropriate specification and obtain quotations for the work required.

Mr Bell informed that the Thomas Wedge CE (Controlled) Junior School was going through a similar process in respect of its pond. A meeting was being held at the School to discuss appropriate fencing for children on Wednesday, 7 July 2004. The Project Co-ordinator **AGREED** to attend as the advice being offered applied to the Golden Jubilee Park Project too.

The Project Co-ordinator also **AGREED** to contact the contractors who had submitted tenders – Michael Cornes and Landform – to extend the time period for the development work.

9 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was **AGREED** that the next two meetings of the Committee would be held at 7:30pm on 19 July and 19 August 2004 in the Parish Room, 2 Fiddlers Lane, Saughall.