

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GOLDEN JUBILEE PARK COMMITTEE held on 23 September 2004 in the Parish Room, 2 Fiddlers Lane, Saughall

In attendance: Councillor C Moss
Councillor C Wynne-Eyton (Tree Warden)
Councillor Mrs D Whitton
Councillor Mrs J Young (in the Chair)

Co-opted Members: Mr D Bird (Project Co-ordinator)
Mr S Callaghan (Saughall Colts)

20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors A Bailey and RA Storrar and Mr B Huxley.

21 CODE OF CONDUCT – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of their responsibility to declare and personal interest or prejudicial interest which they have. Mr Bird informed that he was declaring an interest because the electrical cables that were being re-routed may be crossing his land.

22 MINUTES

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 19 August 2004 be confirmed as a correct record.

23 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

24 PROGRESS REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GOLDEN JUBILEE PARK

The Project Co-ordinator reported that the oak tree and hedge had been removed and the ditch piped successfully. This and associated work would cost approximately £6,700 including VAT. The field would need to be scarified but would not need to be re-piped. The land drains were working perfectly on the field. The land would be assessed again later in the Winter.

It was reported that the tree spoil had been set on fire by persons unknown and was still smouldering. The intention was to have a big bonfire on 5 November 2004.

Some new fencing would be needed when the project started and two quotations had been obtained. Approximately 40 linear metres of quick thorn hedging was needed to replace some that had been burnt and to plant on a residents side of the ditch.

The new pond had been dug out. The next step was to hire a pump to pump the water out of the old pond into the new one. A new manhole would be built and the old pond dredged. Once this work had been completed the water would be returned and the spoil from the old pond put into the new one.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the report be received; and
- (2) the Project Co-ordinator be requested to purchase the quick thorn hedging required.

25 PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE

All Members had been provided with two letters from Allianz Cornhill Insurance dated 9 August 2002 sent in response to queries by the Clerk on public liability insurance and risk management. The letters set out advice on how to deal with the new land on Fiddlers Lane until it was suitable for recreational use by members of the public. It was suggested that the land be fenced and gated and a sign erected to the effect 'No Admittance'. This had been done but since the hedge had been removed there was easy access on to the new land. Consequently, the Clerk was concerned about the openness of the pond and requested that Members give attention to this and take appropriate action.

RESOLVED:

That bunting be placed across the part of the land on which the ponds are situated along with a sign 'No Access Beyond this Point'.

26 GRANT AID OPPORTUNITIES

(a) Partnership Agreement

The Committee gave consideration to a draft Constitution drawn up by the Clerk and suggested amendments as appropriate.

RECOMMENDED:

That Council and the other organisations involved agree to the Partnership and endorse the Constitution, subject to Mr D Parry's views.

(b) WREN Funding Update

There was no progress to report.

(c) Saughall Colts – Update

No letter of support for the project had been received from Saughall Colts. Mr Callaghan told Members that the Colts' Management Committee had been going through turmoil. A new Chairman and Secretary had now been appointed and minuted meetings were being held every 2nd Thursday of the month. The Management Committee hoped to send a representative to these meetings in future and it was possible that the representative would be Mr Callaghan himself.

Mr Callaghan was informed that the aim of the Parish Council and this Committee was to make sure that the land was fit and proper for football and cricket. However, the sporting organisations would be responsible for attracting funding

for facilities they would need and to maintain the ground once it was at an appropriate standard.

The Project Co-ordinator agreed to provide Mr Callaghan with details of the scheme, a plan, quotations received, Bills of Quantities, etc.

(d) Saughall Cricket Club – Update

No update could be provided in the absence of Mr Huxley.

(e) Chester CVS

It was reported that a meeting would be held next week between Members of the Committee and Chester CVS to discuss funding opportunities for the development.

(f) Bids Submitted

Mr Parry had submitted the following information to the Clerk in respect of the applications for funding made:

Date	Organisation	Amount
22 Apr 04	Vaux Group	£15 - £20,000
22 Apr 04	Charles Plimpton Foundation	£4 - £5,000
22 Apr 04	Sainsbury Family Charitable Trust	Amount towards £154,000
26 Jul 04	Wren	£146,800

RESOLVED:

That the details provided by Mr Parry be noted.

27 OVERHEAD ELECTRICAL CABLES

The Project Co-ordinator informed Members of Powersystems latest proposal to re-route the electrical cables following his recent site meeting with Mr Edwin Davies.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

28 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the next meeting of the Committee be held at 8:30pm on Thursday, 11 November 2004 in the Parish Room, 2 Fiddlers Lane, Saughall.