

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GOLDEN JUBILEE PARK COMMITTEE held on 11 November 2004 in the Parish Room, 2 Fiddlers Lane, Saughall

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

Co-opted Members: Mr D Bird (Project Coordinator)
Mr H Dobson (Vernon Institute Management Committee)
Mr B Huxley (Saughall Cricket Club)
Mr S Kalaher (Saughall Colts)

29 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C Moss and Mrs JE Storrar.

30 CODE OF CONDUCT – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal or prejudicial interest that they had. Mr Bird informed that he was declaring an interest because the electrical cables that were being re-routed by Powersystems would cross his land.

31 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 23 September 2004 were **AGREED** as a correct record subject to the following amendments:

- ?? On the list - In attendance – Mr S Callaghan be amended to Mr S Kalaher.
- ?? Saughall Colts Management Committee met on the second Monday of the month not Thursday.
- ?? Mr S Kalaher had provided a letter of support for the project.

32 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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

33 PROGRESS REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GOLDEN JUBILEE PARK

(a) Fencing

The Project Coordinator informed that he would need 15 fencing posts to circle the ponds. He already had 8. The Clerk **AGREED** that the posts needed could be purchased and the Project Coordinator **AGREED** to complete the fencing with posts and bunting and erect “Keep Out” signs by the end of the week.

(b) Ponds

The Project Coordinator informed that the existing pond had been dredged and a new one dug out. The new one would fill up naturally. Councillor RA Storrar suggested that the new pond might need an outlet to the ditch. The Project Coordinator **AGREED** to look at this once the pond had filled up with water.

(c) Electricity Cables

The Project Coordinator informed that he had signed a Wayleave agreement in respect of his property. The electricity cables would be routed across his land. Mr Edwin Davies of Powersystems of had given no indication when the work was likely to be undertaken. This would be kept under review and representations would be made at the appropriate time if it were deemed necessary.

(d) Manholes

The Project Coordinator informed that the new manhole was working adequately. No work was required on the field drains as they were working well.

(e) Next Steps

Now was a good time to “shake-rake” the field. A contractor (Des Francis) had informed that he would undertake the work needed for £120. It wasn’t a good time to “shake-rake” the spoil. It needed time to dry out.

It was **AGREED** that the field be “shake-raked” now and the spoil done in the spring.

It was also **AGREED** that nothing more could be done with regard to this development until appropriate funding was secured.

34 CONSTITUTION FOR THE SAUGHALL GOLDEN JUBILEE PARK PARTNERSHIP

It was **AGREED** to defer detailed consideration of the Partnership document until the next meeting of the Committee. It was however **AGREED** that the Uniform Groups would be invited to nominate a representative to sit on the Management Committee.

35 GRANT AID OPPORTUNITIES – UPDATE

(a) Funding and Management of Community Projects

The Project Coordinator reported that he had attended a meeting in Kendal on 20 September 2004. It had been interesting but dealt mainly with funding from bodies outside this project’s scope. It had however provided him with an insight into how to go about fundraising. The advice from the meeting was that someone should be appointed by the Council (and be paid if necessary) to devote time to raising money. The Project Coordinator had obtained the name of a private trust to contact regarding funding – The William Dean Trust – along with some information that would help the proposed fundraiser.

(b) WREN

A meeting had been held on 28 October 2004 between Richard Smith of WREN, the Project Coordinator, Mr David Parry and Councillors RA and Mrs JE Storrar. The funding bid had been reviewed and Mr Smith had informed that the project would need to be phased and the maximum that could be secured from WREN in this funding round was £50,000. This could be used for drainage work and the environment project. WREN would not fund car parks but would fund multi-use games areas. In light of the information received at the meeting the funding bid was being revamped and would be resubmitted shortly. Any funding received from WREN must be match funded and phase 1 work would cost approximately £99,000 in total.

(c) Saughall Cricket Club

Mr Brian Huxley **AGREED** to provide the detail of the funding bids that the Cricket Club had already submitted. He had also worked out the maintenance costs for the next five years. This information could then be presented as part of the WREN bid. (Third Party Funding.)

(d) Saughall Colts

Mr Kalaher informed that the Colts Management Committee had asked him to attend this meeting and inform those present that the Colts needed five football pitches to make it worthwhile for them to move from the facility at the bottom of Sea Hill Road. He told Members that if his Club was to participate in the scheme it would need improved provision. He reminded the Committee that the Council's planning consent was in respect of a change of use only and told Members that he was well aware of the sensitivities in respect of the neighbours.

Mr Kalaher considered that the five pitches the Colts required could be accommodated on the Fiddlers Lane site. Other Members disagreed and there was concern over the car parking provision needed if there were to be five pitches.

Mr Kalaher informed that if five pitches were not possible the Colts would continue with their existing arrangement and approach the Thomas Wedge CE (Controlled) Junior School to request a letting agreement on its football pitch.

Members were reminded that the Colts were now under new management. It was a small club and could not afford the cost of maintenance, the extra effort involved in using two sites and the cost of equipment for each site.

It was noted that currently the Colts had very few maintenance costs as the Cricket Club paid to have the grass cut. This would change once the Cricket Club relocated.

It was **AGREED** that Mr Kalaher would go back to his Management Committee and inform it that five football pitches would not be provided on the Golden Jubilee Park and that it might be possible to revise the site layout to incorporate three junior pitches. He would consult his Management Committee and report back to a special meeting of the Committee scheduled for 8:00pm on Thursday, 18 November 2004 on any subsequent proposals.

(e) Chester CVS

At the meeting of the Council held on 4 October 2004 Councillor Mrs JE Storrar had reported on the proceedings of a meeting with Chester CVS. Chester CVS could produce a Directory of Social Change at a cost of £25 and had a document that detailed corporate funding and listed grant-making trusts along with types of projects that could be funded. However, it was known that the Cheshire Community Council could provide the Council with this information.

The Council had also considered it appropriate that an External Funding Officer from one of the two Principal Authorities should attend a future Committee meeting to offer advice on how to attract funding to finance the development.

It was **AGREED** that an External Funding Officer be invited to attend the next ordinary meeting of the Committee and offer appropriate advice on how to secure funding.

36 TENDERS

The Project Coordinator informed that it was now over a year since the tendering process had been undertaken. This was a significant time lapse and the process would need to be gone through again in the New Year.

The Committee **AGREED** that a re-tendering exercise was the appropriate way forward and that it should commence early in the New Year.

37 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was **AGREED** that the next ordinary meeting of the Committee would be at 8:30pm on Thursday, 13 January 2005 in the Parish Room, 2 Fiddlers Lane, Saughall.