

Note of Second Meeting of Langstone Community Consultation Working Group

Date: 28th September, 2015

Time: 6.00pm

Present: Cllr K Dew

Mrs L Duthie

Cllr Y Edwards

Cllr T Jeffery

Mrs J Litt

Mrs L Littler

Mr M McGow (NCC)

Mr E McKeand (LVH)

Cllr R Mogford (NCC) (6.45pm)

Apologies for Absence: Mr R Wood (NCC)

Cllr C Meredith

1. Consultation Documents.

Mr McGow and Cllr Dew introduced their consultation documents, which both received the approval of the meeting. It was agreed that the documents would be combined.

Action : Cllr Dew to incorporate the documents for the next meeting.

2. NCC update.

Mr McGow gave a comprehensive update of current progress.

Mr Wood had prepared drawings showing the proposed war memorial superimposed on the three suggested sites and with possible landscaping. Following discussion, the Village Hall site was deemed impractical.

A site visit to Maplewood by NCC representatives had been made and options for development potential will be formulated by a skilled and experienced officer for consultation and tender processes.

A request for funds for refurbishment of the Village Hall had been rejected, as this project is deemed not to come within the remit of allocation of S106 monies. S106 money will soon be available from the Lydia Beynon development. Mr McGow advised that LCC should approach Alun Lowe to obtain a copy of the legal agreement.

It was suggested that funding could be available for equipment to be used by young people, for example the new Youth Club, attending the Village Hall. Development of the play area behind the Village Hall was discussed.

(At 6.45 city Cllr Mogford arrived.)

Action: LCC Clerk to contact Mr Alun Lowe, Contributions Manager for Lydia Beynon site, for sight of the legal agreement controlling their S106 monies.

Action: Mr McGow to present collages of possible configurations for Maplewood Toddler Park at the next meeting.

Action: Mr McKeand, on behalf of the Village Hall, to discuss the financial implications of the apparent failure to secure S106 funds with LCC.

3. Maplewood Toddler Park.

The Maplewood sub-committee had met to discuss the format of the questionnaire. Parents of young children will be consulted as to what activities their children would prefer to motivate and sustain their interests. The questionnaire will be delivered to every house on the Maplewood estate for completion and will be collected three days later. A succinct note would be included to explain the process.

Action: Cllr Dew to insert an introductory paragraph into the questionnaire; a time-line plan to be discussed at the next meeting..

4. War Memorial.

The Consultation questionnaire will ask two simple questions: 'Do you agree with having a War Memorial?' and 'Which of the two sites do you prefer?' The questionnaire will be prefaced by a note explaining the background to building a memorial and would be delivered to all households, with a pre-paid envelope for return. NCC will print and mail the questionnaires for LCC.

Action: Cllr Jeffery to supervise the compilation of the questionnaire and to draw up a time line by mid November for the design and construction of the memorial.

5. Centenary Field.

Mr Huw Williams (NCC) confirmed to Mr Rhodri Edwards, of the National organisation called 'Fields in Trust', in January 2015, that Park End Playing Field will be re-named 'Centenary Field'. Cllr Mark Spencer, NCC's Armed Forces Champion, is involved in this initiative.

Members of the previous LCC playing fields committee would be invited to join the new group to help take forward the redesigned project. Mrs Litt, Mrs Littler, Cllr Mogford and Mr Mckeand volunteered to join the group. Ms Katie Page and a friend (school age representatives) had also expressed interest in the group.

The consultation document would be sent to select groups of parents and schools. Four companies would be asked to submit designs for the Centenary Field project and the preferred design would be actioned.

Action: Mr McGow and Mr Wood to draw up the specification for discussion at the next meeting.

Action: Cllr Dew to invite members of the previous LCC working group to join the new group.

6. AOB

The presence of dogs in the playing fields was discussed. Mr McGow confirmed that owners of dogs found to be fouling the areas regularly will be prosecuted.

The next meeting will be on Monday, 12th October, at 6pm, 2015 in the Kennett Room.

The meeting closed at 7.45.