

Present: Cllr K Dew (Chairman)

Cllr Y Edwards

Cllr T Jeffery

Mrs J Litt

Mrs L Littler

Mr M McGow (NCC)

Mr E McKeand (LVH)

Cllr R Mogford (NCC)

Mr R Wood (NCC)

Apologies for Absence: Mrs L Duthie
Cllr C Bryant (LCC)

As this is a short-term project and Cllr Meredith could not fulfil his commitments to this group, he had regrettably resigned and Cllr C Bryant had volunteered to replace him. The members thanked Cllr Meredith for his support.

1. Review of Consultation Notes and Actions

Mr Wood had not been able to elicit any further useful information from Mr Crouch or Dwr Cymru about the stability of the groundwork at Maplewood Toddler Park. Simon Hughes, of Belway, had been contacted, but no reply had been received.

Action: Cllr Dew to add an explanatory paragraph in the consultation document about the problems of the underground works in the toddler Park.

Cllr Dew had invited the LCC Centenary Field committee to join the new Steering Group committee and a very successful meeting had been held on 19th October.

Mr McGow had prepared a financial projection for Maplewood.

Cllr Jeffrey had included the explanatory note in the War Memorial questionnaire.

2. NCC update.

Mr McGow explained that £2k annually for 20 years had been budgeted in the S106 money and ring-fenced for insurance cover for Maplewood Toddler Park. LCC will take eventual control of the maintenance of this area. The tender documents are still being developed.

Members of NCC Playground Development Team will be asked to attend the next meeting, to give the group the benefit of their experience and expertise.

Action: Mr McGow to invite NCC Playground Development staff to the next meeting.

3. Project Timelines

Mr McGow had prepared a project timeline, but was unable to demonstrate this as a WiFi connection was not available. This and the financial statement will be shown at the next meeting, when a projector should be available. Financial data will be provided to the Centenary Fields committee, who meet separately. Tender documents are work in progress.

Action: Cllr Mogford to make available a projector for the next meeting.

Action: Mr McGow to finalise project timelines and financial data for next meeting and to forward relevant data to the Centenary Fields committee.

4. Maplewood

As previously explained, the critical depth of the soil has not been established (estimated at 800mm) and development work may depend on this. The consultation document will be amended by Cllr Dew to reflect this. (see note 1 and action). It was agreed that the consultation would run in parallel with Dwr Cymru discussions.

Action: the amended document to be passed to Mr McGow for scrutiny.

5. War Memorial.

The consultation document is with the printers and it is hoped it will be despatched, returned and analysed before the end of November.

Work on the War Memorial is dependent on the wishes of the residents. If a positive answer is returned, preparations will go ahead as programmed. Planting may take longer than anticipated, depending on the site chosen.

Plans are in hand for the dedication ceremony. Invitations will be sent to representatives of regional branches of the British Legion, leading church ministers, the wider families of the

deceased to be commemorated and residents. It is hoped that a 1940s coach will be provided to collect guests from the Hilton Hotel for transportation to the War Memorial site. It is hoped that in excess of 100 guests will attend.

6. Centenary Field (CF). (Park End Playing Field).

A very successful meeting had been held on October 19th, when 3 young people from the community had attended. Cllr Dew highlighted the objectives and Cllr Mogford explained the background of the S106 money. The young people expressed concern about the delay in the project, but understood its enormity and that this project (CF), Maplewood and the War Memorial were distinct entities, run under their own timetables.

It was important to our 3 young people that input was had from other youngsters, as they felt under pressure and blame might be apportioned to them, if the refurbishment was not what others wanted. Other youngsters should be encouraged to air their preferences and to take ownership of the project, as they will be the major stakeholders in enjoying the park.

NCC Playground development officers, Alexa Tumball and Karen Brown would be asked to work with youngsters to draw up advertising posters and to encourage youngsters to participate in the project and to decide on the apparatus of choice.

It was noted that space for a football pitch is limited, but a level area with goal posts could be provided.

Time-line task lists are critical to having the work done in the correct order.

A major consideration is the access to the CF. An entrance for maintenance / development machinery is vital. It was resolved that the residents of Bramley close area be canvassed by NCC to explain this need. The opening would blend aesthetically with the existing boundary and would be for access for maintenance vehicles and staff only. No pedestrian access would be built in and privacy would be maintained.

Action: Mr McGow to invite relevant staff to the next sub- committee meeting on November 2nd .

7. AOB

Langstone Village Hall

S106 money is available from the building of the Lydia Beynon site and it was suggested that Alun Lowe, Contributions Manager for the site, be approached about the possibility of using this money to fund all or part of the refurbishment, with LCC and LVH making up any shortfall within their budgets.

Demographic data, taken from LCC Village Plan Survey, show that older people also need to pursue their leisure activities, which mainly take place in the Village Hall.

A sub-committee was agreed, its members being Cllrs Dew and Jeffrey (LCC), Mr E McKeand and Mr Tony Haycock (LVH) and city councillor R Mogford. A proposal document would be prepared for discussion.

Action: Mr McGow to contact Alun Lowe.

Action: Mr McKeand to co-ordinate the writing of the proposal and to circulate possible dates for a meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is on 24th November, 2015, at 6pm in the Kennett room.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.40.