

## Note of Sixth Meeting of Langstone Community Consultation Working Group

Date: 14th December, 2015

Time: 6.00pm

Present: Cllr K Dew (Chairman)

Cllr Y Edwards

Cllr E Jeffery

Mrs J Litt

Mrs L Littler

Mr E McKeand (LVH)

Cllr R Mogford (NCC)

Apologies for Absence: Cllr C Bryant (LCC)

Mrs L Duthie

Mr R Wood (NCC)

Mr M McGow (NCC)

### 1. Review of Consultation Notes and Actions

All major action points had been completed.

### 2. NCC update.

The play equipment company, Wickstead, had mounted a mobile exhibition of some of their fitness apparatus this afternoon at the LVH car park which was attended by Richard Wood and it was deemed unnecessary for the NCC officers to attend this meeting as well.

### 3. Maplewood Toddler Park (MTP).

All data from the survey had been correctly logged and Cllr Dew had circulated the results. Mr Wood has to be made aware of the preferences expressed in the survey to enable him to design the play park with the required appliances in appropriate places. Space is also required for 'chasing' and running games.

No further communication had been received from Belway regarding the railings around the park.

The bad weather had had an adverse effect on the ground, but the project is hoped to be in by the end of March.

Action: Mr Wood to be advised of the results of the survey.

#### 4. War Memorial (WM).

Data from 237 returned questionnaires had been input using the software 'Survey Monkey', with data from another 20 received in today's post awaiting entry. Results show that 70% are in favour of the scheme and 30% against and, of those monitored, 62.5% preferred the Hilton site for the setting, with 31% for the Court Meadow site and 6.5% indicating no preference. It was agreed to accept the returned questionnaires until the end of December.

Plans go to LCC for discussion at the January meeting, 2016. There may be possible slippage of one month of the end date.

Action: returned data will continue to be monitored.

#### 5. Langstone Village Hall (LVH).

The sub-committee had met with Alun Lowe, NCC's Contributions Manager for the Lydia Beynon site, to discuss the possibility of using this money to fund all or part of the refurbishment. The wording of 'play space' in the legal document was discussed. It was deemed that £60k is too large a sum to ask for this project and the LVH application will be amended to reflect a more modest sum. Funds are available from LCC and LVH and other sources, including Belway and Funder Finder, will be trawled to raise the much needed capital.

Action: application to be amended and the availability of grants to be explored.

#### 6. Centenary Field (CF).

A collage of equipment on a possible plan of the CF was displayed. The exhibition of Wickstead apparatus today showed it to be very robust and safe, with all moving parts enclosed for safety of use and also that it is easily operable by people of mixed abilities and strengths. This particular equipment is guaranteed for 25 years.

Tenders for the two play parks would be advertised.

A presentation of the collage / display would be given in the Kennett Hall for prospective users to aid decision making on their preferred priorities. The Play Team would be asked to advertise the event for maximum attendance and co-operation. Social Media and the notice boards would also be used.

It was hoped the events would take place on 15 / 16th January, 2016, when some of the apparatus may be available.

Action: The Play Team and others to advertise the viewing event.

#### 7. AOB

The date of the next meeting was provisionally set for 4th January, 2016 at 4.30, subject to the availability of members of the Steering Group.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.30.

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