

Barkway Parish Council

Appendix B - To the Parish Council Meeting

held on Monday 9th October 2017

Notes from the meeting of the Car Park Working Party

Held in the Pavilion on Tuesday 12th September at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr. Bernie Morss

Cllr. Graham Swann

Clerk/RFO Catharine Toms

Tom Wornham (representing Barkway Village Hall)

Penny Irons (representing Barkway Social Club)

Michelle Bonfield (a resident)

Apologies:

Lynette Tully

Welcome:

Bernie Morss thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Update since the last meeting:

Catharine Toms informed those in attendance that the initial idea from the last meeting of the Working Party held on 18th July, of creating a car park directly in front of the Pavilion, had not been met with support from the Parish Council. The reason being that the Council felt that one of the strongest assets of the Community Room was the open aspect and access to the play area. It was considered that to locate a car park directly in front of the Pavilion Community Room would put into jeopardy the future viability of the facility. This view was accepted as reasonable by the Working Party members.

Re-consideration of the 4 options available:

1) Do nothing.

This was not considered to be an option.

2) Social Club Field.

Now let out to others on a long-term lease.

3) Sworder's Field.

No reply from Thomas Keir, therefore concluded that he was not interested into entering into any negotiation.

4) Car Park on the Recreation Ground.

This was considered to be the only option available subject to finding suitable location within the area.

Graham Swann had measured up and come up with a proposal to create a car park that could accommodate 20 cars in front of the Pavilion but not obscuring the view from the Community Room. There would be a 3 metre gap between the Pavilion veranda and the start of the car park. It would require 6 items of play equipment to be relocated. It was agreed that with the age of the equipment that these items were likely to be uneconomic to move and therefore would need replacing.

Michelle Bonfield had explored supplier options for new equipment and now that it had been established which pieces would need replacing she would contact suppliers for quotations. She would also seek advice on space required for a new fenced in play area. To create a fenced in play area was considered to be the best option. To obtain some adult gym equipment in addition was still considered to be a good idea.

Catharine Toms reported that she had met up with Anne Taylor from Herts Community Voluntary Services who had indicated that she'd be able to assist with possible funding avenues if she could be supplied with a list and approximate cost of items required.

Lynette Tully had also sent in an email offering her apologies and updating the Working Party on her progress. She mentioned that Barkway School were interested in use of the potential redeveloped play area and had put forward the suggestion of working together on the project. They mentioned funding sources such as Stansted Airport grants and Tesco coin drop. Lynette mentioned that grants were available for teen projects, SEN provision and the elderly if these factors could be incorporated. She offered to meet with the school if the Parish Council thought it appropriate. She had also been in touch with a Playdale representative who was willing to quote but she felt unable to commit to that without prior permission.

The Working Party considered that to involve the school at this stage was not appropriate as this was a Parish Council project on Parish Council owned land.

Actions:

Bernie Morss and Graham Swann to measure up and draw up a proposed plan for the new car park and play area with dimensions on a scaled drawing.

Michelle Bonfield and Catharine Toms would then liaise with suppliers for costings.

The next step, once costs were established, would be to go back to the Parish Council with a revised proposal as soon as possible.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm. Date of next meeting: TBA