

Barkway Parish Council

Appendix A - To the Parish Council Meeting

held on Monday 14th May 2018

Notes from the meeting of the Car Park Working Party

Held in the Pavilion on Wednesday 25th April at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr. Bernie Morss

Cllr. Bill Dennis

Clerk/RFO Catharine Toms

Tom Wornham (representing Barkway Village Hall)

Penny Irons (representing Barkway Social Club)

Michelle Bonfield (a resident)

Apologies:

Cllr. Graham Swann (work commitment)

Lynette Tully (family commitment)

Natalie Sanchez (who wished to now be removed from the Committee)

Welcome:

Bernie Morss thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Update since the last meeting:

The priority still remained to find a solution to solve the problem of cars parking along Cambridge Road.

The Committee were all exasperated by the apparent lack of acceptable solution to resolve matters.

Current Situation:

All possible options for car parking had now been explored and the only possible place to locate a car park was on the Recreation Ground itself. Since the last meeting on 12th Sept 2017, Graham Swann had put forward a suggestion of creating a driveway from the main gate area on the Rec. This driveway would go along the western boundary of the Rec. although leaving a margin for a path which would still allow access onto the Rec. for those properties with unofficial access routes onto the Rec. The driveway would lead into a car park in line with the rear of Orchard House on Bonds

Crescent (in south west corner of the Rec.). This option would mean just having to relocate 3 items of play equipment. All of which were nearing the end of their useful life, so would be replaced with new equipment. Michelle Bonfield had come up with a very similar plan.

After some discussion it was thought that this would be an expensive option due to the long driveway and it was questioned whether people would actually use it due to it being quite a distance from the Pavilion.

This then brought the discussion back to alternative locations on the Rec. for a car park.

It was considered that moving the football pitches would not create a big enough area and there was the recently re-routed public footpath across the Rec. to also take into consideration.

It was concluded that the most cost effective solution would be to locate the car park directly in front of the Pavilion. Michelle Bonfield expressed concern that it would compromise the attractive outlook from the Community Room and the safety of children using the Community Room and wanting access to the play equipment outside. It was pointed out that the car park would be fenced, have entrance barriers, have a grasscrete surface and would only be in use when needed as overflow parking.

All others were in agreement that regrettably this was the seemingly only possible solution in view of the fact that occupants of neighbouring properties had objected to the initial proposal of a car park backing directly onto their gardens.

Bernie Morss agreed to measure out an area that would take about 30 cars and put together a proposal to put to the Parish Council on 14th May. **Action: BM**

The Committee members present were disappointed and surprised that people who had objected so strongly to the original car park plan had not attended the meetings to try and help work out a mutually agreeable solution.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm. Date of next meeting: TBA