

MINUTES of LEISURE COMMITTEE meeting held 5 October 2017 at Euxton PC Community Centre, Euxton.

Present: Cllrs M Bamber N Hall K Reed
 A Caughey A Platt A Riggott
 J Caughey G Rypel (Chairman) V Thornhill

Committee members attended from 6pm, prior to the meeting to view and discuss all the concept designs received

1. Apologies Cllrs S Wellerd
2. Minutes of meeting

Resolved: Leisure Committee minutes of 7 September 2017, were agreed to be accurate record of the meeting, with one alteration that Cllr Riggott was in attendance, and signed by the Chairman.

Members asked for an update on the Ginnel, at the back of the Balshaw Lane play area – Clerk updated that a price for the work had been obtained at £523, but the major delay is contacting LCC, a form was obtained which is completed except for some water calculations which requires a cheque of £50 for the assessment work by LCC.

Skate Park work completed and flooding not happening now.

3. Millennium Green Verbal update

Tender documents were sent out to the four contractors on 29/09/17 and due in to the Clerk on 25/10/17.

Cllrs J Bamber, G Rypel and M Thornhill will each view the documents and make notes then Cllr Thornhill will report back to Leisure Committee with a recommendation.

Cllr Thornhill wished to write to the primary schools about the project.

Wildflower meadow would require approx. £500 of see for a 50m2 area to be sown in spring. It would need a contractor to kill and rotivate and order seeds.

Resolved: Members agreed to the wildflower meadow - Clerk will get a costing from Chorley for the work.

Resolved: Members agreed to a sign to be designed for the area to let residents know of the work and what plants could be seen in the meadow.

Clerk to chase s106 contribution from Gleadhill.

English Blue Bells were suggested for a planting project in Feb/March, this could be a community event and would need approx. 100m2 of plants costing approx. £900.

Resolved: Members agreed to plant English Blue Bells - Clerk will obtain exact costing/timings etc and report to the Chair for confirmation.

5. Verbal update on ongoing projects

Cllr Thornhill reported on the Balshaw Villa POS area – weeds had been treated on the paths and they will be surfaced soon, agreed seat positions facing North West, trees not planted yet and a gate is missing.

Resolved: Members agreed to allow all the work to be completed before accepting the land.

Drainage on the football pitches is delayed due to wet weather.

The new widened section, fencing and gates at Greenside play area are completed except the gate closing devices which will be installed by next week.

Clematis play area was updated on – the developers who own the land have fenced it off awaiting repair quotations. Cllr Riggott offered to let the residents know on the estate the updated position.

6. Greenside play area

Members had agreed to request concept designs from a number of suppliers to an upper budget and from these to select three designs to be quoted, as a means to obtain best value for money. Members viewed these three concept designs chosen at the last meeting and discussed the residents feedback and the items of equipment.

Resolved: Members agreed that the preferred contractor is Proludic.

Resolved: Members agreed to further discuss the design as there were items which Committee wished to remove and replace and a newly costed design would need to be considered further.

Cllrs Rypel, K Reed and Tune will meet to view the newly costed design and if it is in time and acceptable, will present to the next Full Council meeting a recommendation.

7. Other items for this Committee to take forward in the future

Budget proposals – members discussed the budgets required for projects next financial year (see draft budget below) the figures may be subject to change.

A resident has written about problems with footpaths, the Clerk will respond with the actions she has taken to report the problems.