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Marchwood Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee held via Zoom
on Monday 8th February 2021 at 7.30pm

Councillors: Mr M Proctor (Chairman) – in the chair (P)

Councillors: Mr M Havercroft (P)
Mr G Wright (P)
Mr R Young (P)

(A) Absent (P) Present

In attendance: Mrs C Cockeram – Deputy Clerk to the Council

Also present: Mr B Gibbs – Clerk to the Council, Cllrs M Saxby, P Mballa, District Cllrs S Bennison and Alison Hoare, Mr Martin Peacock, Landscape Architect NFDC and Ms Clair Upton-Brown, Chief Planning Officer NFDC.

Apologies for absence

1. None received

Public Participation

2. No public participation.

Declarations of Interest

3. Cllrs Wright and Havercroft declared an interest in Item 9 on the agenda regarding Marchwood walking routes improvement as they live adjacent to the paths that are in line for improvements.

Chairman's remarks

4. The Chairman agreed to bring Item 9 forward and welcomed officers from NFDC.

Minutes

5. **RESOLVED:** To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 16th November 2020 as a true record.

Marchwood walking routes improvements:

6. Martin Peacock spoke about the project (Attached). The project is a variation from the original 2014 SPD project. A circular walk around RAD Marchwood up to the waterfront coming back down into Marchwood and along a series of open spaces. To reconstruct the paths and put in a new tarmac surface which will provide a longer lasting path and less maintenance. The area between Kingfisher and The Gulls will be the bulk of the costs est. £100k which will be funded by the Section 106 money. The circular route

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paths can be funded by the Habitat Mitigation Project, approx. £10k. There will be a short fall of approx. £70k.

Cllr Young asked about funding. Would it be acceptable to utilize S106 funding for the project? Mr Peacock replied that as it is in conjunction with Habitat Mitigation Project it would meet the criteria.

Cllr Young also asked if there was any consideration to other surfaced other than tarmac and if so, why were they discounted? Mr Peacock replied that due to where the paths are and heavily used it would warrant tarmac and better for winter use.

Cllr Proctor asked about the path along the wall at Admiralty Quay (footpath 501) At the bottom end by the waterfront was not accessible due to flooding.

Mr Peacock will take a look into this.

Cllr Wright expressed his concerns regarding tarmacking the surface would encourage cyclists and mopeds to use the footpaths and was worried about pedestrian safety.

Mr Peacock said the situation would have to be monitored.

District Councillor Sue Bennison asked about footpath 501. This is owned by New Forest District Council so maintenance is down to NFDC, so no S106 money should be used.

Mr Peacock will look into the maintenance of the footpath.

Cllr Havercroft stated that he is in agreement with the paths being tarmacked as motorised disabled and wheelchairs do have aspirations to use the footpaths.

Clair Upton-Brown explained that that the S106 is historic monies collected due to the way the legislation was written. So, there is some residual money still in the budget which she will look to spend. It is not time limited.

RESOLVED: Members supported the project and it will be taken to full council for final approval.

Mr Peacock and Ms Upton-Brown left the meeting.

AMF Supervisors Report:

7. The AMF Supervisors report was presented to the Committee.

- COVID – Skate Park shut and taped up
- Cork Field car park shut
- Gym Equipment shut
- Still doing play inspections
- Everywhere very wet
- Tree removed at Dapple Place (dead)
- Daffodils are beginning to show
- Hedge at Travels Lane has been reduced to a manageable hight
- Still, plenty of litter and dog mess about

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- Small amount of fly tipping at Cork Field
- All grass cutting machines repaired and serviced
- Enquiry into trading the flail for a sickly bar – still making enquiries
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Memorial tree for Barbara Allen:

8. **RESOLVED:** Members agreed subject to agreement from the land owner that a Cherry tree and metal tree protector can be sited on the grassed area by the boat. The Deputy Clerk to arrange with the ground staff.

Lloyds Recreation Ground:

9. A request from a resident to plant a tree at the Lloyds Recreation Ground to replace one that was removed.

RESOLVED: As there is a Memorandum of understanding it was agreed to defer this request to the next meeting Parish Council held on 15th March 2021

Community Initiatives:

- a) Litter picking: Cllr Wright reported that a litter pick was completed just prior to Christmas with approx. 30 people. No further picks are scheduled until restriction have been lifted.
Cllr Havercroft asked about the litter along Main Road and Jacobs Gutter Lane. District Councillor Alison Hoare said she will look into this.
- b) Wild Flowers: Still waiting to discuss this further. Once the mowing season starts, we will keep a designated area free for wild flowers as discuss previously.

Cllr Bennison discussed a grassed area that fronts the waterfront by the flats. This area would be converted into a wild flower meadow at the expense of NFDC. Further along the footpath there is a 'picnic area'. She asked members thoughts if a similar wild flower meadow could be planted there? Members wished to think about this as there is a concern regarding dog mess in the area. Cllr Bennison will chase this up for an update.

Parish Council Amenities Committee priorities for 2020/21

10. a) Healthy walks and footpaths around the Village: No further information due to the pandemic.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm