

**MINUTES OF THE WORKS & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 28th APRIL 2015**

Present: Cllr Boulton Cllr Harwood
Cllr Bowen Cllr Mumford

In attendance: Vanessa Lawrence (Clerk), Roz Capps (Assistant Clerk), Robert Rao, Cllr Fenby, Cllr Hing

WC186 14/15 To note apologies Cllr Sanford, Cllr Roberts, Cllr Winney

WC187 14/15 To confirm the minutes of the Works and Community Meeting held on 24th of March 2015. It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the Minutes of the Works & Community meeting, held on the 24th March as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. Proposed Cllr Bowen, seconded Cllr Harwood – 3 in favour, 1 abstention.

WC188 14/15 Matters arising

- **Update on Mill Lane footpath**

The Clerk updated the Committee on a site meeting held with Glos Highways (GH). GH is not prepared to install a dropped kerb as requested as it would not pass a safety audit due to lack of visibility. GH suggested we install a chicane or gates along the path to reduce the risk of users running out onto the road. Cllr Boulton reported that the path is not wide enough for a chicane and that a gate would have to be removable as the farmer requires access to the field. Cllr Boulton has a meeting with the contractor on Tuesday 5th May to discuss further options.

GH has agreed to schedule in levelling off the existing pavement to make it more accessible. The cost for the alteration will be split 50/50 with FTC & GH.

- **Update on church foot path repairs**

Further quotes are required. **ACTION: Clerk to get more quotes**

- **Update on Lovers Walk resurfacing**

Mike Barton has not yet confirmed a date for coming to Fairford.

- **Update on parking opposite Victory Villas, London Road**

Richard Grey (GH) has sent an email (circulated), outlining various options. He would like an agreement in principle, that FTC & Bromford Housing are prepared to share the cost with GH before a safety audit is carried out and a viable scheme is agreed. Approximate costs are circa £45k.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Bromford Housing to ascertain their support of the scheme and update the Committee and GH.

- **Update on ROSPA check**

Still waiting for a date, but should be imminent.

- **Update on preparation for French Market (21st June)**

The road closure request has been received. The market has been advertised on various websites and will be included in the newsletter.

- **Update on grass cutting (burial ground)**

Willow Garden Services has successfully completed an initial cut. Following a resolution in March 2015 (item WC181 14/15) to award Willow the contract if

the first cut is a success – the contract is now awarded to Willow Garden Services.

ACTION: Clerk to add informative to Full Council Agenda under Matters Arising

- **Update on the dispensing service at Boots the Chemist**

No update available

ACTION: Clerk to add to May Agenda

- **Update on progress with new Burial Ground**

No update available

ACTION: Clerk to add to May Agenda, and include suggestion for land at Welsh Way

WC189 14/15 To consider the most recent payments & receipts figures (April)

Figures as per Full Council.

WC190 14/15 Playing Fields

To consider and agree inspection rota May

1st – 4th May – Cllr Harwood

8th – 11th May – Cllr Sanford

15th – 18th May – Cllr Boulton

22nd – 25th May – Cllr Bowen

WC191 14/15 To consider and agree rejoining Walkers are Welcome

To was RESOLVED not to pursue this at this time. All in favour.

WC192 14/15 To consider suitable reply to correspondence from Kempford PC regarding Bowmoor footpath

It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged with Kempford PC & Lechlade TC.

The Council is supportive of the proposal from Kempford.

Cllrs Boulton & Sanford to attend any meeting if required.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Kempford PC to agree dates for a meeting.

WC193 14/15 To consider issues with planting of trees in:-

1. Walnut Tree Field – near Tennis club fence

Cllr Boulton will look at the trees to ascertain the species and whether the position of the trees will impede grass cutting. It was agreed that they are planted too close to the Tennis Club, and that the trees need to be moved. Cllr Fenby has offered the saplings sanctuary in his garden if required.

2. Green at junction of Coronation Street & A417

Glos Highways have requested formal acknowledgement from FTC that the trees planted on highways land at Milton Street are going to be removed.

Cllr Boulton suggested that they are replanted on FTC land at St Mary's Drive.

ACTION: Clerk to email Glos Highways

WC194 14/15 To consider and agree support for Natural England's survey of breeding wetland birds in the CWP by Natural England (e-mail forwarded 22/4/15)

The Committee RESOLVED to support the survey. All in favour.

WC195 14/15 To consider other options for the provision of youth services for the 15-18 year olds.

Discussion took place.

The Council has the willingness and the power to provide a youth service in Fairford. However the exact form that the service should take is up for debate. The current service offered is based around a weekly term-time youth club for 15-19 yr olds.

The following points were raised:

- The age range is too broad – the service should have a cut off at 18.
- A weekly youth club run at night is out of date – it serves to push disaffected youth together and could promote bullying and anti-social behaviour.
- There is a vulnerable cohort of young people who leave school at 16 and don't get any help.
- The provision of a Young Adult Champion (YAC) has been successful in reaching out to this cohort.
- A YAC could be employed by Young Gloucestershire to provide 1-2-1 support for young adults.
- A YAC could be based in the youth room at the Community Centre
- The lottery funding agreement for the refurbishment of the Community Centre specifically provided for youth users.
- It is important to establish a connection with the schools and potentially tap into SENCO (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) support there.
- It is important to establish a link with the Deanery run youth club which operates for 11-15 yr olds. Perhaps this club could be encouraged to accommodate older youths, as the current cohort increase in age
- 2 or 3 6th formers could be paid to help run the youth club
- Young Gloucestershire could begin the recruitment process with a view to a service starting in September. The exact form the service will take can be agreed later. Perhaps start with a youth club and graduate to a YAC if possible.
- There is a lack of volunteers to help run clubs for the youth in general. The Beavers and the Navy Cadets are both facing closure because of a lack of adult support. **POST MEETING NOTE:** *Cllr Roberts reported that Navy Cadets is NOT facing closure and currently has a lot of adult support. In fact, the Unit has recently joined a Maritime organisation which provides lots of back up and support.*
- The youth club (and other clubs) that was previously run suffered due to lack of parental support

ACTION: Cllr Fenby to contact the Deanery Youth worker and Rev Symcox to discuss the youth club for younger adults.

ACTION: Cllr Fenby to update Cllr Wardle on the discussion

ACTION: Cllr Boulton to contact head of 6th Form at Farmor's to discuss the situation

ACTION: Clerk to contact Beavers to get further information in order to produce a flyer to go out with the Newsletter requesting more volunteer support.

WC196 14/15 Items the Chairman considers urgent

A replacement bin is required on Lovers Walk.

ACTION: Clerk to order a bin from Ubico

WC197 14/15 Date of next meeting – 26th May 2015

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