

HARWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Lands Committee meeting held at 7.30 pm in the village hall committee room on Tuesday April 23rd 2019

Present: J Hawthorne (Chairman) D Turner P Roberts S Taylor (Parish Clerk)

<p>1. Approve minutes of previous meeting & receive updates on actions from previous meeting</p> <p>APPROVED, signed as a true record.</p>	
<p>2. Address from Feltham Construction re: Orchard Way</p> <p>Company representative Mr S Bates outlined proposals for Orchard Way. JH declared an interest as a neighbour of the development.</p> <p>The previously-approved planning application for 9 homes will not change substantially; reserved matters application will be submitted shortly and the developers are liaising with neighbours. The unofficial footpath at the rear of the houses in Orchard Way, used by many local people and the basis of several objections to the application some time ago, will still be affected as the path is not recognised as a right of way.</p> <p>Another proposed development, for 7 homes on land at 25 Orchard Way, was mentioned. A planning application will be submitted shortly. This may include a proposal for access onto the recreation ground with a right of way from Orchard Way.</p> <p>Archaeological surveys and digs will start shortly; Mr Bates promised to submit a short article for Harwell News. He left at 8.15 pm.</p> <p>Brief discussion followed Mr Bates's departure, but the Council can make no decisions until planning applications are submitted.</p>	
<p>3. Note apologies for absence</p>	
<p>4. Recreation ground –receive updates on and/or recommend way forward for following projects</p> <p>a) S106 funding for staff building/rec access, including gates at car park entrance</p> <p>VWHDC officers are to attend a site meeting shortly re: staff building. The council will need to consider installing the fence around the play area shortly.</p> <p>Rec access – entrance from the A417 has been completed.</p> <p>There were suggestions at the recent APM for a safe walking route through the car park, re-painting of lines to identify car park spaces, and need for gates at car park entrance. Further consultation was requested re: gates.</p> <p>Committee RECOMMENDED that the solicitor is asked for advice on options available to the council. Clerk asked to obtain a quote for the May council meeting.</p> <p>b) scouts lease and pavilion issues, including asbestos</p> <p>draft lease and plan were fine. No need for a break clause. Clerk to check with insurers re: letting to scouts and insurance premium relevant to the building.</p> <p>c) additional S106 projects for recreation ground (report accompanied agenda)</p>	Clk

<p>Committee RECOMMENDED that the council looks at the following in more detail (via the Lands Committee; DT to look at POS plan with clerk);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MUGA with football pitch/basketball court on rec away from houses • Skate park near road edge of rec • 10 or 15 year plan for Public Open Space funding • Suggestions for indoor sports funding • Possibility of using S106 funds for football pavilion and football pitches for maintenance/enhancement of existing facilities (eg at Boundary Park) • Application for inclusive play equipment/toddler equipment/older children’s play equipment as well as gym equipment. <p>d) quotes for inclusive swing seats, if separate from above item</p> <p>Inclusive swings recommended by contractors are mostly nest-type swings which the council already owns.</p>	<p>LC DT, Clk</p>
<p>5. Cemetery – recommend shed location & type, update on planning advice from VWHDC</p> <p>Clerk has contacted VWHDC and will submit pre-planning application asap.</p>	
<p>6. Discuss urgent matters received after the agenda has been posted and note matters for consideration at next meeting</p> <p>Clerk has contacted estate agents re: valuation of land adjoining footpath 11. Rec rules need to be looked at – some suggestions received from Feast Committee. Mrs Soames is looking into the defibrillator requirements. Owing to low number of candidates for forthcoming elections, council will be able to co-opt further members. Anyone interested should contact the clerk.</p>	

Meeting closed 9.05 pm.

Minutes prepared by Mrs S Taylor, Parish Clerk

Signed.....Date.....

Notes:

ACTIONS from January meeting:	BY	STATUS
JH – move emails		
ACTIONS from February meeting:		
Clk – letters to Westfield/Wantage Rd residents, contact scouts & solicitor, prices for swing seats & MUGAs, update cem regs, advertise for zero hours staff, answer OCC survey, contact organisations re: APM, value of land	26.3.19	DONE x: land, staff
ACTIONS from this meeting:		
Clk- contact solicitor	14.5.19	
LC, Clk, DT – look at S106 projects	28.5.19	