



MINUTES

Working Group for Project A Parish Office/Zoom 3rd November 2021 10.30pm

Present:

Cllr Michael Bollom
Cllr Jon Hughes
Cllr Tom Jenkins
Cllr Adam Powell
Kim Martin

1. Review members of the working group

The CLAA have put forward two names to join the Working Group, Jackie Pearce and Hugh Byrne- The working group recommend to the Full Council for them to join.

2. Consider appointing external consultant for review of public feedback.

It was discussed that BPC may not be best place to review the informal consultation feedback.

The Working Group recommend that an independent consultant is employed to review the feedback against the current Project Plan.

Cllr Spooner recommended a MBC officer as a potential independent consultant. BPC would ask the Officer for their advice and also seek alternative options. The aim would be to have the feedback reviewed by the end of December.

3. Correspondences

Cllr Spooner had arranged for Cllrs Bollom and Hannington to meet with the Head of Maidstone Planning Rob Jarman and Case Officer Richard Timms. This meeting took place on 2nd November 2021.

Following the meeting an email had been received which suggested the following:

- The trees on the donated land still have TPO in place. The trees would need to be categorised (A,B,C,D) to distinguish whether they could be removed. An Arboriculturist would need to confirm this. Cllr Bollom to call Chris Colewell. Following this a meeting between Arboriculturist and the Tree Planning Officer of MBC would need to take place.
- Planning application for the car park, allotments and tennis club development should be as one application.
- The following assessments would be required:
 - Biodiversity Assessment
 - Heritage Assessment
 - Landscaping Visual Impact Assessment – Tennis Club to complete Flood Light Assessment
 - Ecology Survey
- KCC Highways – would need to be contacted for their view of the car park extension.

The working group recommend that these contractors and costs to complete these surveys are found and presented to the Full Council in December

- MBC recommended that when the time is right a Member Briefing should take place. The fee for pre-application meetings would be £350 for an hour (£150 per additional hour), and £500 for the Member Briefing. The working Group recommend this to Full Council.

4. AOB

Kim Martin confirmed that the Tennis Club would contribute financially, half toward any planning application made.

5. Next meeting date

Monday 6th December- at Bearsted Golf Club

Kim Martin Declared he had interests in the following:

- Captian of Bearsted & Thurnham Tennis Club
- Treasurer of Bearsted Gold Club
- Trustee of Bearsted Woodland Trust
- Member of the Bearsted Club