



# MINUTES

## Working Group for Project A Bearsted Golf Club 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 2pm

### Present:

Cllr Michael Bollom	BPC Councillor
Cllr Jon Hughes	BPC Councillor
Cllr Martin Broughton	BPC Councillor
Kim Martin	Representative of the Bearsted & Thurnham Tennis Club
Jackie Pearce	Representative of the Church Lane Allotment Garden
Hugh Byrne	Representative of the Church Lane Allotment Garden
Erin Sugden	Clerk to BPC

### Apologies

Cllr Tom Jenkins  
Cllr Adam Powell

1. Review members of the working group  
A member of the public had provided advice to the council and it was discussed if their assistance could be used at the present time. The working group felt that the project was still at an investigation stage and the group would reach out when this particular person's skills and experience is required should the project go ahead.

**The working group will recommend to the full council that there are no new members at this time.**

2. Review the results of the external review of informal consultation.  
Members of the working group had had the opportunity to view the report produced by Lake Marketing ahead of the meeting. During the meeting, members highlighted some percentages that could not be fully understood. The Clerk was asked to seek clarity.

The working group discussed if they felt further investigation would be an advantage to understand the suitability of Project A. Not all members agreed but a majority would **recommend to the Full Council that further investigation takes place.**

**The working group would recommend to the full council that each member is given their own copy of the report.**

The working group discussed when the data should be presented to the public. One member was concerned that not sharing the report with the public might be misconstrued as not being transparent. As a group they felt that due diligence must be taken to understand the findings and qualify the data. **The working group will recommend to the Full Council that until they all understand the data the report should not be published so that**

**information is not misinterpreted.** Once it is agreed they fully understand the report discussion will be had as to the best way to present the findings.

3. Review the FCC Communities Foundation  
After reviewing the report the working group will **recommend to the full council not to apply for this funding.**
4. Correspondences  
It was reported that no correspondences were received.
5. AOB
  - a) Kim Martin presented the Tennis Lighting Design- This was duly noted.
  - b) Kim Martin highlighted some of the conditions associated with planning application 21/505992/Full (Bearsted Woodland Trust Car Park)
  - c) Jackie Pearce read an email to Kim Martin from a member of the public asking for facts about the tennis club. Kim reported that it was not appropriate for this person to be given the information as it was data about a private club and not information readily available to the working group yet. Jackie Pearce asked the members of the parish council, attending the meeting, whether the questions raised in the email had been asked by BPC. They confirmed that BPC had not asked the questions.
6. Next meeting date  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022  
2pm  
Bearsted Golf Course