



MINUTES

Working Group for Project A Bearsted Golf Club 7th February 2022 2pm

Present:

Cllr Tom Jenkins	BPC Councillor
Cllr Jon Hughes	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
Joanne Upton	Administrator to BPC (present for item1)

Apologies

Cllr Michael Bollom
Cllr Martin Broughton

1. Consider quotations for surveys
Members will recommend the following surveys and contractors to the Full Council:

Visual Landscape Impact Survey and & Heritage Impact Survey	Louise Hooper	£4032
Ecology and Biodiversity Net Gains Assessments	Hone Ecology	£1100

The working group also recommends a traffic survey be completed at the entrance to the Church Lane car park to identify the number of vehicles (entering/exiting), times/days of travel, and speed of travel.

The working group recommends a visual survey of parked cars be completed. This task will seek volunteers to visit the Church Lane car park, Church Lane, Manor Rise, Ashford Road, Mount Lane and Crosskeys on specified days and times to record the number of vehicles parked and any unsafe parking. The working group will organise this themselves.

The working group recommends that a traffic Transport Planner is sourced to assess the current demands and projects what would be expected in the future based on suggested expansions to the allotments, expansions of the Tennis Club, and the usage by the Bowls Club, Holy Cross, Scouts and Girls Guides.
A proposal will be made to research suitable contractors for quotations.

2. Review the results of the external review of informal consultation.
Concern was raised about the delay in publishing the findings of the independent review. Most members felt that until they understood all parts of the report, they would not be able to answer stakeholders' questions if the report was published.

Some points raised in the report will be answered by the surveys (item 1) and the **working group will recommend to the Full Council that until the findings of the surveys are returned the report of the informal consultation should not be made available.**

3. Allotment tenancy notice
A recommendation will be made to the Full Council to follow advice from the legal advisor at the National Allotment Society to serve 12-month notice (one growing season) to the plot holders of the Church Lane allotments. This ensures that all legislation and laws governing allotments are upheld. Members were empathic to the nature of serving this notice and will communicate that notice may be extended if Project A cannot be completed within 12-months. Equally, it will be void if Project A does not go ahead.
4. Review advice about trees (TPO on donated land)
Advice had been received from an Arboriculturalist stating that trees with remaining TPO require the information within a planning application to be compliant with British Standard BS5837 (2012) Tree in relation to Design, Demolition and Construction.
5. Update about tennis paddle courts
A member of the public reported at the recent Full Council meeting that he was of the understanding that the Tennis Club was no longer considering paddle courts. Kim Martin explained this was untrue and went on to say that the Lawn Tennis Association would not fund paddle courts until a tennis club had a signed lease for the land to be developed. As the Bearsted and Thurnham Tennis Club did not have a lease for the proposed paddle courts they cannot apply for funding at the present time.
6. Correspondences
 - a. Church Landway surface: A correspondence was received by a resident explaining the difficulty they are experiencing using the surface of the path known as Church Landway. The Clerk had responded to the resident.
7. AOB:
Jackie Pearce readout 4 questions from a plot holder. The answers to some had previously been provided to the plot holder with answers given to the remaining questions.
8. Next meeting date:
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