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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2019 AT SHORTLANESEND VILLAGE HALL AT 7.13PM

210/2019 PRESENT: CLLRS. I HOLROYD (CHAIRMAN), M HARRY (VICE CHAIRMAN) W ROBINSON, B HILTON, A GAMMON, D GREEN, K HART, T HEWITT, F J DYER MBE

MRS K J HARDING – CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

Also present: one member of the public, an officer from Cormac Solutions Ltd. for part of the meeting and the applicant who was interviewed for a vacancy on the parish council for part of the meeting.

211/2019 APOLOGIES: No apologies

212/2019 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS

MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO DECLARE DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AS REQUIRED BY THE KENWYN PARISH COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS AND BY THE LOCALISM ACT 2011.

Cllr. Green – declared an interest on the last item as he knew the applicant.

Cllr. Hart - declared an interest on the last item as he knew the applicant.

213/2019 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (10 MINUTES MAXIMUM, 3 MINUTES' MAXIMUM PER PERSON ONLY)

Cllr. Robinson – asked that the Clerk write a letter to Cornwall Council asking what steps the council was taking in regard to its Climate Emergency Declaration.

214/2019 PRESENTATION BY CORMAC SOLUTIONS LTD. ON THE RESULTS OF THE S106 CONSULTATIONS REGARDING IMPROVEMENTS TO PLAY AREAS ACROSS THE PARISH. TO CONSIDER NEXT STAGES IN DELIVERING THE PROJECTS

The Chairman welcomed the officer to the meeting.

Shortlanesend Consultation

- In response to the consultation at Shortlanesend residents had advised they were satisfied or very satisfied with the current park facilities.
- Responses indicated users were very happy with how the park was run and managed.
- Most users used the park for around one hour at a time. The responses showed that users would like toilet facilities and if they had these they would stay longer.
- These responses limited the scope for expansion but the overriding request was for a climbing frame. Older children wanted something more challenging.
- Responses indicated a desire for a footpath linking the access points and around the field for riding bikes and scooters.
- Older residents felt excluded from the park and would like to have an area for sitting and admiring the views. This to include a sensory area and wildflower planting, nature areas and a wi-fi corner.
- There was concern about the children crossing from the school to the playing field and how dangerous this was for them. Parents would like a pedestrian crossing on School Hill
- It was noted there was shortly going to be a further £37,000 to spend at Shortlanesend although this was not currently available. £10,000 was however so the climbing frame could be purchased. When the second amount became available work could then take place on the bike jumps and the footpath linking the access points.

Threemilestone Consultation

- In response to the consultations at Threemilestone residents had advised the area was well used but not loved.
- Users only stayed for around half an hour due to the lack of play opportunities. Children quickly got bored and didn't want to stay.
- New equipment needs to be for all age groups and should act as a hub where community events could take place.
- A Friends of Threemilestone Playing Field Group could be considered.
- The fenced off area should be expanded in size and new equipment added.
- Requests had been received for a zip wire, more swings, a footpath around the perimeter of the field and an area to learn to ride bikes.
- The field needed to be more accessible for wheel chair users and prams and pushchairs.
- Mounds could be created by any excavations and wildflower and tree planting was requested. There had also been requests for more biodiversity, planting and connected habitats.
- Children had advised they felt the current signage was unwelcoming although it was noted that the signs were asked for by Rospa and the Insurers.
- Requests had been made to extend the old toilet block area to create more parking.
- 12% of respondents wanted to specifically see the return of Threemilestone AFC to the playing field. The officer had consulted with Cornwall Council's Open Spaces Officer who had given her the dimensions of the pitch plus a 20 metre exclusion zone to keep it away from houses. If this had been installed there would be no other space for play equipment. Added to this the Football Association's rules and regulations whereby toilet and changing facilities had to be provided this ruled out any new play equipment for the playing field. Discussion took place on a much smaller pitch being provided.

At this point the Chairman reminded members of the many cases of criticism of the parish council on social media where the council was being blamed for Threemilestone AFC not being able to play at the playing field.

He also reminded members of the meeting that had taken place in the summer with the football club and the two letters and reminders that had been sent to them asking them to respond to the queries the council had raised whilst discussing a possible return to the playing field. All these letters and reminders had been ignored by the football club. Therefore, the Chairman asked members to consider these non-responses and more particularly the outcome of the public consultation and make a decision on the return to competitive, organised, professional sports being played at the playing field. Members agreed these activities could not be supported at the playing field given the outcome of the public consultation and the fact that very few people wanted this at the field. Furthermore, now that the measurements had been taken it was clear the field was not big enough to accommodate competitive, organised, professional sports of any kind.

Discussion took place on the need for further land to be made available by Cornwall Council for further recreation areas and provision for sports to be played. It was felt Cornwall Council needed to urgently address the lack of recreation/sports areas in the village and could do so from their own land holdings. The parish council were happy to get involved in this.

RESOLVED: Not to allow any competitive, organised, professional sports use of Threemilestone Playing Field due to the field not being big enough to provide any sort of competitive sized pitch and to still have space for new play equipment. To support the wishes of the community via the public consultation exercise and provide as far as possible what the community had asked for. This to be looked at again should Cornwall Council make more land available for sports use.

Proposed by: Chairman

Seconded by: Cllr. Hart

Vote: unanimous

Chyvelah Ope Consultation

- 30 questionnaires had been returned, 15 in hard copy and 15 electronically.
- There was a very negative perception of this play area by the public.
- Residents were very unsatisfied/unsatisfied on the responses.
- The area should be used for toddlers and juniors and it was very important to change the current perception of the site.
- Co-operation by Truro College was essential to deal with the anti-social behaviour and drug taking currently occurring at the site.
- Trimming back of the various trees was needed and as all the trees had a Tree Preservation Order on them planning permission would be required. It was essential to use a Tree Expert to assist with this.
- It was felt the swings should remain as well as the safety surfacing. New vandal proof play equipment should be purchased but it may be difficult to spend the allocated £50,000 there. If this was the case the remainder would be spent at Threemilestone.
- Work was needed to improve the access and the adjacent car park needed tidying up by Sanctuary Housing.
- Planting and a sensory area to be included.

The Chairman thanked the officer for her update. The official report would follow once it had been signed off by her manager.

The officer left the meeting at this point.

215/2019 TO FORMALISE THE ARRANGEMENT WITH KESTREL SECURITY CARRYING OUT PATROLS AT THREEMILESTONE PLAYING FIELD AND TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE EMERGENCY ACTION TAKEN FOLLOWING SERIOUS VANDALISM AND DELIBERATE ATTEMPTS TO MAKE PLAY EQUIPMENT UNSAFE TO CHILDREN. TO DISCUSS PURSUING CCTV FOR THREEMILESTONE PLAYING FIELD AND TO INVESTIGATE CCTV FOR CHYVELAH OPE PLAY AREA AS A MATTER OF URGENCY

RESOLVED: TO FORMALISE THE ARRANGEMENT WITH KESTREL SECURITY CARRYING OUT PATROLS AT THREEMILESTONE PLAYING FIELD AND TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE EMERGENCY ACTION TAKEN FOLLOWING SERIOUS VANDALISM AND DELIBERATE ATTEMPTS TO MAKE PLAY EQUIPMENT UNSAFE TO CHILDREN. TO PURSUE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF CCTV FOR THREEMILESTONE PLAYING FIELD AS A MATTER OF URGENCY AND TO INVESTIGATE CCTV FOR CHYVELAH OPE PLAY AREA. TO USE THE GENERAL FUND RESERVE TO PAY FOR THE CCTV SYSTEM IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR AND TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE FOR ALL ASSOCIATED COSTS INCLUDING ELECTRICITY CONNECTION, PURCHASE OF A SHIPPING CONTAINER TO HOUSE THE CCTV, THE CCTV SYSTEM, TRANSPORTATION AND DELIVERY OF THE CONTAINER, ANY NECESSARY PERMISSIONS AND ANY OTHER ASSOCIATED COSTS.

Proposed by: Cllr. Hilton

Seconded by: Cllr. Harry

Vote: Unanimous

Cllr. Green - advised he had raised the issue of vandalism and the serious problems currently occurring at Threemilestone Playing Field at the last meeting of the Threemilestone Community Centre Management Committee. Members there were keen to assist the parish council and any information would be passed to the Clerk or the police.

The Chairman - referred to Graham Harding's latest check of the playing field equipment at Threemilestone where three out of four bolts on the swing seat had been loosened.

Cllr. Robinson – advised he always lifted the seats on the swings at Shortlanesend Playing Field when he did his safety check.

Cllr. Green – advised he had spoken with Jane Cashmore from Truro College on the problems at Chyvelah Ope and she would ensure this area was included in the college patrols.

216/2019 TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION AND ADVICE ON GRANT FUNDING AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS TO ASSIST KENWYN PARISH COUNCIL IN ITS WORK TO ADDRESS ITS CLIMATE EMERGENCY DECLARATION WORK

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Proposed by: Cllr. Harry
Seconded by: Cllr. Hewitt
Vote: unanimous

The presentation would take place on the 2nd October 2019 at 6.30pm at Shortlanesend Methodist Church. Members of the Working Group to attend.

217/2019 ANY OTHER ITEM THE CHAIRMAN DEEMS AS URGENT

The Chairman – spoke on the recent Rospa Inspection and in particular the feedback from the Inspector who was extremely concerned about the lack of bark under the swings at Shortlanesend. The Chairman wished to thank Graham Harding for leaving his paid work and collecting and spreading bark as a matter of urgency in order to help the parish council meet its safety and insurance obligations. Members thanked Graham for this and they were very grateful to him for putting himself out to help.

Members were grateful that Graham would be carrying out the other Rospa repairs for the council in due course.

The Chairman – spoke on the recent resignations and in particular the effect they had on the Parks, Amenities and Open Spaces Committee. In view of this members agreed to temporarily disband the committee and bring all its business back through the Full Council.

218/2019 TO INTERVIEW CANDIDATE FOR VACANCY AT THREEMILESTONE AND TO CO-OPT NEW COUNCILLOR IF POSSIBLE. S100A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 THE PRESS AND PUBLIC WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE DISCUSSION BASED ON THE LIKELY DISCLOSURE OF EXEMPT INFORMATION UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT – WILL APPLY FOR PARTS OF THIS ITEM

RESOLVED: To co-opt Ruth Yexley as a Parish Councillor for the Threemilestone Ward of Kenwyn Parish Council.

Proposed by: Cllr. Green
Seconded by: Cllr. Hart
Vote: unanimous

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.