

Playground Committee meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2007 at 7.30  
Public Session

Residents of Blackberry Grove attended the meeting. They requested an update from the Highways/PC meeting held. They were informed that GCC Highways were looking into drop kerbs on two sites on Finlay Way, "H" markings in Blackberry Grove upto the existing traffic calming point and recommending posts along the grass edge if cars were found to be parking along the grass edge.

The new plan was displayed on the wall and was outlined by the clerk to the Committee and public, namely that the equipment would be sited 30m back from Blackberry Grove kerb edge and would be sited in a line between the Finlay Way hedge line and the three trees situated in the open space, and back towards the by-pass. The residents expressed pleasure that their views had been listened to and taken into account. The new layout was met with approval from the residents. Public session closed.

1. Present at meeting – Cllrs P Lightfoot, Taylor, Habgood, and Peake

2. apologies noted from Cllrs Stephens and Beresford

3. The minutes of 17<sup>th</sup> October 2007 were proposed by Cllr Taylor and seconded by Cllr Peake as a true record and all agreed.

4. There were no matters arising for the Clerk to report on

5. Finlay Way update – The following points were noted:

Need for a gate on the by-pass entrance

Highways response to meeting included "H" markings

Transfer of monies signifying transfer of ownership on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2007 in the sum of £6760

Final design plan was agreed by the Committee

6. Pecked Lane update- The following points were noted:

Hedge cut would be needed in line with advice for Finlay Way

Consultation process needed in line with Finlay Way eg leaflet drop, public display of designs.

6 month time-line.

PC Phil Russ to be invited to advise

Cllr Taylor to lead and a specification to be supplied to all 3 companies.

7. Vandalism update – The following points were noted:

Surface had now been changed to top soil and seeded

Report from police included advice on location of play area, site of equipment.

Discussions took place with regard to the Swing frames left on site. It was agreed by the Committee that the frames should be removed from site. Clerk was instructed to obtain quotation from local contractor.

8.Grass Cutting contract- Contractor contacted and asked to confirm price after taking out Kayte Lane and putting in Finlay Way.

9.Milham Road brook update was given by Cllr Taylor. The brook had been cleared at the time of the July floods. TBC had cleared under the culvert. Cllr Taylor informed the committee that the banking on the housing side of the brook was the responsibility of the house owners/associations. Cllr Taylor would distribute information to residents to meet with local involved parties including representatives of the playground committee.

10.Budget/Expenditure year to date

The year to date figures were agreed by the Committee showing :

Sports field balance £3791

Playgrounds balance £814

Capital balance £72,158

11.Authorisation of payments/quotations proposed Cllr Ayres and Seconded by Cllr Taylor

Legal fees for making available Deeds for grant forms

Remove damaged surface and replace at Nottingham Road

Legal fees on the transfer of land at Finlay Way

Order placed for ditch work at Sports field in line with full Council's instruction

12.Forward Plan was discussed and agreed by Committee

Pecked Lane refurbish/replacement 07/08 and 08/09

Milham Road refurbish/replacement 09/10

Nottingham Road refurbish/replacement 09/10

Skate Park new provision 07/08

South Park new provision 08/09

Nettle bank work at sports field 08/09

Pedestrian access at sports field 08/09

Paths to Nottingham road play area 09/10  
Shrubbery 09/10  
Storage at Sports field 08/09

13. Budget proposals for 08/09 were discussed and a proposed budget was agreed as follows:

Capital budget for 08/09

Pecked Lane £43,770 (part funded 07/08)

South Park £30,000

New Pedestrian access £2,500

New storage facility £2,000

Astro turf re surface year 1 £2,448

Nettle bank work £7,500

Skate park £55,948 (07/08)

Finlay Way £3,822 additional works

Revenue budget for 08/09

Equipment inspection/maintenance £3,000

Boundaries/hedge work £2,000

Grass cut contract £6,000

Ditch clearance on regular basis £6,000

Sports Field to be discussed with users-group

Income £24,128

Expenditure

Utilities £5,000

Rates £4,000

Grounds maintenance (including £23,973

Groundmen, materials, maintenance)

14. Finlay Way

Cllr Taylor proposed and Cllr Peake seconded that the quotation ref 5/67092 received from Wicksteed Leisure Ltd should be accepted.

All Agreed

It was agreed by the Committee that the Clerk should place the order as soon as possible.

It was noted that we had email confirmation from TBC that the design met with their approval and they would release the S106 monies on receipt of the invoice from the Contractor.

It was agreed that the work for the hedge cutting should be awarded to G and that Cllr Taylor would meet them on site to discuss the exact schedule of works.

It was also noted that a gate would be required at the by-pass entrance to the field and the clerk was instructed to obtain a quotation in line with the pedestrian gate at Nottingham Road play area.

#### 15. Playground inspection report

Cllr Taylor had accompanied the Maintenance contractor on a playing area site visit and reported that:

Nottingham (Wellbrook) Road - The debris from the soft pour vandalism has been cleared up and the area under the "big boys" swings replaced with soil. There is a need for a litter bin and some form of seating for parents within the Playground itself. However given the current vandalism problem I would suggest holding off with firm decisions at this time.

Pecked Lane - The path way recently installed has gaps between the tarmac and the grass leaving a potential tripping/ twisting hazard. The Playground needs two replacement litter bins and there is an area of soft pour, again under "big boys" swings, that requires attention. The Playground sign has been removed.

Milham Road - The grass is very long in this area. The Playground surface, made up of tiles, is poorly maintained and there is a large hole in the fence leading on to Homelands Farm. I am informed that the whole Playground area gets covered in mud when work is carried out on Homelands Farm.

#### 16. Correspondence received

Introductory email from Makes Gardening Sense.

TBC Planning Department had confirmed that they would allow the Parish Council six months to make alternative arrangements for the storage facility at the astro site

Date of next meeting 20<sup>th</sup> December 2007

Meeting closed at 10.30 pm