

Community Committee meeting - Monday 11th December 6pm

Councillors: Staddon (Chair), Payne, Francis, Culhane, Linfoot and Minter
7 members of public

Public session - No one spoke at this point.

23/1. Apologies Councillor Moffat (work)

23/2. No Declarations of interest.

23/3. Lympstone Party.

Working Group created, Councillors Staddon, Payne and Linfoot, Jamie Reeves (Salty Bandits).

Agreed that Saturday 22nd June 2024, would be the best date for a party in Candy's Field. Jamie will contact the bands and arrange a running order for the evening. PC to arrange Marquee, toilets, fridge trailer, bar, ice cream van. Youth club for food. Pre-school re entertainment for the younger villager. Furry Dance Committee to be approached re cream teas.

23/4. Beating the Bounds

Working Group created. Councillors Minter and Linfoot initial members. Councillor Moffat, Jane Moffat and Rob Harrison will be approached to join.

The proposed exercise will dovetail with the working group looking at Boundary changes. A new Boundary stone will be sourced, with the intention of re-installation on the same day as the Bounds are beaten. To report back by the end of February.

23/5 The Hub Building

Councillor Payne outlined the current plans. Changes incorporated from the initial public consultation. Stated the Ridge of the new roof will approximately half a metre higher.

A member of public raised several points-

Although he supported the rebuild, he had concerns. Higher roof will affect light in his garden. Having a full roof (rather than the current slope and flat roof) will affect his amenity (he felt a sloping roof with a full wall would affect his view from the garden). He felt that a second floor was unnecessary, and the building should be redesigned going further into Candy's Field, thus alleviating the need for a second floor. Where will attendees park, as Trafalgar Avenue is already difficult to park/negotiate. The PC were going to run it as a business and felt that insufficient work had been done to justify this.

Councillor Payne explained that it was intended to make sure the building pays for itself. The current building already has several classes, and a long-term renter of the office/business hub. Councillor Staddon stated that the Village Hall was oversubscribed and more space in a growing village was necessary to accommodate demand. The building would be built utilising grants but would still need to earn money to offset costs.

The member of public then stated-

The Globe PH was empty, why hadn't the PC considered using that. He believed that the PC had already made its mind up, and it was pointless to consult if we did not redesign based on criticism.

Councillor Culhane explained a lot of work had already been completed, including feasibility studies, to ensure the space will work for all.

It was mentioned that a covenant restricts the PC building out across Candy's Field, which was why, using the natural slope of the field, a second floor for offices had been designed in. A copy of the covenant was requested by the member of public.
Action. To check if the PC can supply the document.

Councillor Payne explained that the plans would be discussed at a full PC meeting in February, the architect would be available to answer questions. If approved, it would entail 12-18 months of fund raising to allow the build to go ahead.

A second member of public was concerned about the door in the rear elevation, whether this would overlook their garden. Would the building be in the same position? Which side was going to be used to access the rear door (RAT the Pre-school side which would be paved and gated.) What was going to happen to the hedge, if removed would it be replaced? (RAT Yet to be discussed but if it became necessary there would be replacement planting.) Also complained about the overgrown brambles now encroaching the garden.

Action Councillor Staddon to speak to Councillor Atkins re tasking Jeff Morrish.

23/6. Telephone outside The Swan

Now in possession of the box. History group felt unable to assist with the project. Councillors Staddon and Payne will work together to identify participants and then record their stories.

23/7. PC Calendar

Councillor Francis explained that the Facebook frame previously circulated, was easy to update, and could be done monthly, quarterly or annually. It was agreed that this was the best site to use.

It was proposed-

Only PC planned work/maintenance in the village and PC events would be listed.

The calendar should commence in January 2024.

23/8 Jubilee/Coronation mugs

Need to confirm exact numbers remaining. Need to confirm who is eligible for a mug (believed original allocation was for pre-school and primary school children up to the age of 11). A Facebook post to be created to put out a call for those eligible to be given mugs.

Action Councillor Staddon to check on eligibility.

23/9. Items for next agenda.

1) Councillor surgeries (frequency/location)

2) Youth Hub update (if next meeting before this is discussed at a full PC meeting).

Meeting concluded 7.11pm