Assets and Amenities Committee Meeting Thursday 9th May 6pm

Present: Cllrs Atkins, Hill, Staddon, Linfoot, Francis and observers Cllrs Gale-Hasleham and Culhane

Public Session: One attendee, no comments

AAC24/01 Apologies: Cllr Minter (observer)

AAC24/02 Minutes of AAC meeting 16th October 2023 *Proposed Cllr Linfoot, Seconded Cllr Francis, Unanimous*

AAC24/03 Noticeboard

The Noticeboard which was located at the top of Wotton Lane has been destroyed by a car. Jack has taken a look at it, and confirmed it is beyond reasonable repair.

RECOMMENDATION: It was discussed and agreed that the noticeboard will not be replaced in the short term, given that it is in an isolated and potentially dangerous position, and due to the imminent Goodmores construction work. Cllr Linfoot proposed asking 3West for a suitable location for the noticeboard. Cllr Gale-Hasleham advised that a planning application will need to be submitted in the event of relocation.

AAC24/04 Cliff Field:

(a) Kissing Gate update

Cllr Atkins reported on a conversation with Col Wheeler about concerns surrounding the stability of the cliff above the Sailing Club, and his request that no works be commenced which might destabilise the soil further.

Cllr Staddon stated that in her view, residents had got used to the open access point (whilst the gate was being considered for repair), and hence the new gate had given rise to complaints.

Cllr Francis stated that in the past there was always a gap alongside the gate for pushchairs, bikes etc.

There was general discussion around available options which would allow access for pushchairs. Cllr Culhane suggested moving the gate further into Cliff Field where there is greater width between the hedge, cliff edge and the bank which could allow an additional self-closing gate to be placed alongside.

RESOLUTION: Cllr Staddon proposed to ask Jeff Morrish to consider options and propose a workaround. Cllr Francis seconded. Cllr Hill agreed. Cllr Linfoot abstained and Cllr Atkins objected. Motion carried.

(b) LFC Contract for Cliff Field

Under 11 and under 12 football teams train 2 nights per week starting August. Match season starts September and runs through to the end of May. Pitch can therefore be left to rest from end May to end July.

Cllr Staddon reported that after 15th June 2024, LFC will be recladding the shipping container, moving the soil heap and installing the concrete plinth with bar so that goals can be securely stored against hedge.

ACTION: Cllr Hill agreed to update the contract to a recurring periodic contract, amend as discussed and circulate to Council.

AAC24/05 Candy's Field

(a) Stones and wood accumulated in field

RESOLUTION: Cllr Linfoot proposed that Cllr Atkins contact A Love to clear the ditch of any debris with the mini-digger, and from November provide instruction to the Community Payback Scheme team regarding laying the elm hedge. Cllr Francis seconded. Unanimous.

(b) LFC Contract for Candy's Field

Under 7 and under 8 football teams train 2 nights per week in July and August. Pitches used on a rotational basis to avoid unnecessary wear and tear. Item 14 of existing contract to be deleted.

ACTION: Cllr Hill agreed to update the contract, amend as discussed and circulate to Council. Check admin charge with Lucy for Summer School (commercial hire).

(c) Play area(s) inspection and snagging issues

RESOLUTION: Cllr Atkins proposed to ask Lucy to write to EIBE for replacement springs, constructed in solid wood (not chipboard). The springs have broken twice, therefore chipboard is not considered fit for purpose). Also to highlight that the surface now has grass growing through it which is a guarantee issue, and to request that the surface be extended to the fence line, in order to prevent weeds encroaching. Cllr Staddon seconded. Unanimous

RECOMMENDATION: The MUGA requires some work by the Community Payback Scheme:

- replace 2 x bolts (one broken, the other missing)
- clean up and repaint the metal work
- remove broken netting on goals (it was agreed that the netting on the goals does not need replacing).

AAC24/06 Items for the next agenda

National Trust to confirm land boundary to the south of Lime Avenue.

Chairman: Date: