

**JOHN BELSTEAD PLAYING FIELD
MINUTES OF THE PROJECT TEAM MEETING
30TH OCTOBER 2006
AT BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT

Eric Barnett (EB) (Chairman) Jenny Shaw (JS) (Project Leader) Margaret Wilson (MW), Roger Roseboom (RR) Jim Newbold (JN) Keith Beaumont (KB) Julian Haywood-Smith (JH-S) Ferial Evans (FE) (Minutes)

1. APOLOGIES

Charles Barrington Sally Johnson Malcolm Watson Rick Kerry

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (12th September)

Accepted and signed as a correct record

2a. MATTERS ARISING

- ❖ The copy of consent for the revised design has been seen by EB and returned.
- ❖ The source of the mislaid cheque has been identified and will be re-submitted. **Action MXW**
- ❖ A donation for £86 should read £70
- ❖ A response is still expected from the VAT office with respect to the Annexe

3. PLANNING

The revised plan has been in the SCDC office since the beginning of September, but it will not be approved until one month after the Landscape Officer has paid a visit to the site. This has been arranged for Wednesday 15th November, with Giles Hill in attendance to explain the project to her. An independent witness from the local community will also attend. RR will identify this person. RR assured the PMG that he is fully confident that the plan will be approved.

RR wondered whether Ivan Jowers, District Councillor for the locality, might have any influence. EB advised that as Chairman of the Planning Committee he would be expected to maintain a neutral position although we know he is very supportive of the project.

4. MAJOR FUNDRAISING [RR report]

- ❖ **BIFFAWARD:** The first application has been approved at Regional level. The final application is being prepared for the National Panel and will be submitted in November. The Panel should assess it in March 2007. The award should amount to £40,000.
- ❖ **The Big Lottery - Reaching Communities:** We have been accepted and will submit the full application in the New Year. A decision is expected in May/June and the award will be £60,000.

- ❖ **Local Network Fund:** An application has been sent and the decision day is 10th November. It should realise £7,000.
- ❖ **SCDC Capital Grant Fund:** An application has been sent and a decision will be made on 7th March 2007. The amount of the award will be between £5/10,000
- ❖ **Suffolk Foundation:** This new fund has been sourced by MXW. An application has been sent and a decision is due on 10th November. It will realise £5,000
- ❖ **Awards For All** and other funding sources are being researched by JN
Action: RR, JN, JS

Unfortunately, an overture made to both HSBC and Barclays Banks bore no fruit.

The proposed letter, which will go to every household in the community, will be delayed until the New Year in Little Bealings. Only recently, a letter from the PCC had gone to every household in the Parish appealing for funds for All Saints Church. Expediency dictates that an interval should elapse before they received another appeal for funds.

It is anticipated that the appeal will raise £15,000.

In the interests of Child Protection it is vital that someone attends the Village Hall Conference at Thurston on 18th November. The programme will include a lecture on child safety issues. For this, the delegate will receive a certificate. It is essential that this is included in funding applications. RR will find a volunteer.
Action: RR

5. PROJECT TIMETABLE (attached)

JS noted that the first piece of equipment, the aerial cableway should be installed by mid February 2007. The table goes to the end of September 2007, when it is expected that the first phase will be completed.

It was generally agreed with JH-S that some work could be done as a community project. This will need to be organised.
Action: ALL

6. PROPOSAL TO INITIATE NEXT PART OF WORK BY GILES HILL

JS advised that invitations to tender would not be submitted until one major grant has been confirmed. In the meantime, Giles will produce a detailed description of the work involved. £1,345 would be committed for expenses. JH-S proposed that this be accepted and KB seconded it. The meeting agreed.

RR cautioned that if similar approval were needed for the Annexe an EGM of the Village Hall Committee would have to be convened.

RR stressed the importance of involving local young people in the process. He proposed the creation of a Youth Council with five members. **Action: RR**

JS tabled a paper detailing the professional fees for Giles Hill (*attached*)

7. LOCAL FUNDRAISING [MXW report tabled in his absence]

I will check out the Milkwood Open Space zip wire next week

- ❖ The quiz and curry night was a great success, due to a great team effort with particular credit due to Alasdair and Harriet McEwan and Rohit Sharma for preparing the delicious food, and to Chris Mason for expert quiz-mastering. We made a total of £602.50.
- ❖ Saffron Thirkettle won the Sunflower growing prize and Ollie Wilson won the delayed balloon race prize.
- ❖ The car wash on October 14 was well attended - thanks to all who came to help - and raised £97.00.
Unfortunately it looks as if we will have to cancel the car wash planned for 4th November since I will be abroad and no one is available to take it on.
- ❖ Next big event is the Casino Evening and Auction of Promises on November 18th. We hope to get at least 60 people and ticket sales are running at about 30 with lots of people not committing yet, so any extra help in selling tickets/inviting extra people along would be really appreciated.
 - i. A bar license has been applied for and permission received.
 - ii. The Casino people and Mr. Fletcher have confirmed that they will attend.
 - iii. Tickets £10 to include a drink, snacks and gambling chips.
 - iv. Prize for Casino winner will be 6 bottles of champagne plus chocolates.
 - v. Promises confirmed so far are as follows:

Racing car drive with Rick (BMW 1 series on a racing track as used in British Touring Cars as shown on TV)

Rick - BMW jackets (tbc)

Roger Roseboom - pictures

David Walker 500 litres of fuel 01473 211212 (Hardy Craske Fuels)

Chris and Denise 2 wills

Bottles of claret

Michela patchwork cushion

Ferial painting of house

Malcolm- photo session

Veggie boxes from Harriet McEwan

Beacon Hill Karting voucher

Hamper from Grange Farm Shop

Maggie Davis Cake

Edward Fletcher - Historic Bealings George V celebrations framed poster

Clopton dried Flowers

2 hour pamper session

4 Hours golf tuition and lunch for 2 at Seckford Golf Centre (non golfers only)

Emily Lynch - Cook dinner for 4

Eunice Mayhew - cooking party for 8 children

Something from Potions and Possibilities
Others awaiting confirmation.

We want to create a bit of atmosphere in the hall - maybe using small tea-light candles on the tables. We need to know if this is OK in terms of fire regulations. Also need to manipulate spotlights - who is best person to help with that?

Plans for 2007

We need to involve young people in fundraising activities.

It would be great to organise a sponsored swim. Deben pool costs £70 per hour plus three lifeguards at £28 an hour. If we got some qualified lifeguards to donate their time, we could charge a participation fee to cover the pool hire and raise money through sponsorship. Does anyone know any lifeguards?

'Bring your own supper and dance to a band' night in February.

Action: MXW

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

RR proposed that Jim Ward oversees the process. He will be sent relevant copies of documentation, thus he will be fully informed and can make observations if necessary. Jim has indicated that he is willing to do this.

NEXT MEETING

**Monday 18th December
8.00pm at the Village Hall**