

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHERBURN-IN-ELMET PARISH COUNCIL LAND & PREMISES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2010 @ 7PM IN THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE

Present; Councillor Miss B. Wilson, B. Packham, Mrs S. Mossman, H. Spence and Mrs M. Gibson (Clerk)

Also present Adam Shave and Mrs Shave.

No Apologies for absence were received.

1. Letter regarding skate park problems and proposed extension. Chairman welcomed Adam Shave and asked him to present his case and then comments could be made by the Committee;

Firstly he felt that this needed floodlighting was useless now except for weekends these could be put on Rugby Club building .

Mud does not reach right up to the edges and it was causing burst tyres also the mud was being brought on to the surface making it dangerous. Grass needed on this area.

He had looked at other facilities and was suggesting a new design which would make the area bigger and more *user friendly* for skate boards and bikers alike. The 3m bank could be extended into a box 2- quarter pipes would make more space and round it off with a quarter pipe and flat bank on the top. Adam stressed this was just extending the area not any adaptation of the area. He says this would make for more usage and keep youths off the streets and also make them fitter . Adam has looked into what funding is available and is willing to get funding if the PC get quotes for the changes and let him know. He would send details via E-mail of the suggestions so that quotes could be obtained and also copy of his presentation. Chairman and all Committee congratulated him on his presentation and were impressed that he was willing to put effort into getting what they want. Councillor Spence stated he had concerns about just the problems Adam has highlighted but this area still not been signed off by the Contractors.

Councillor Miss Wilson said the grass has been seeded numerous times but is not getting a chance to grow, this would be looked at with Company who had erected the area possible even putting down mesh to give grass a chance. Chairman said that floodlights could be a problem because of adjacent properties but Council would have to see what can be done. Chairman said he was sure grants could be available with a proper plan and Parish Council will help in any way they can with everything but finances. Chairman did make it clear this a sub-committee of the Council and can only make proposals to the Full Council who would have the final say on this matter. **Agreed that further meetings should be held to further progress this when full details/quotes etc available and Adam would be asked to come along to be kept informed of what is being done. All committee felt we should pursue this matter further.**

2. Review of Existing Contracts.

Grass Cutting-Bedford's have an annual contract at the present time. Prices have not increased in the 2 years they have done the work and Council happy with the work done. **Agreed that Clerk write and give them a chance to quote for a 5 year rolling contract and either take to next PC meeting or for LAP next meeting.**

Street Lighting-contract with Tarmac runs until August 2011. They have done a good job over the 5 years and Clerk reports that they work for most Council's in the area and also NYCC. **Agreed we ask them to let us have full report of condition of lighting already requested and state we are to put in place a *staged replacement* of lights needing work in the next 5 years and would they be willing to quote for continuing the contract on the present basis. Clerk to let all Committee have list of what Tarmac contract cost for the last 4 1/2 years.**

Salt bins –Requests have been received for further bins on Low Garth Road and Eversley Garth Crescent. Also noted that our bins need refilling and the one in East Bank also. Clerk had received letter from NYCC stating that at the present time they are unable to fill the bins due to snow clearing etc.

Agreed that no further bins should be purchased as one has been stolen from top of Garden Lane and grit being taken from the other bins. Agreed that Clerk write to NYCC and get assurance that they will fill bins when salting load lightens.

3. Consider whether contracts should be pursued for the following;

Tree Inspection & Maintenance-Clerk reports that Mr Harrison happy to continue doing annual Inspection but did not want to tie himself down to a 3 or 5 year contract prices would only increase by cost of living for the checks. **Agreed this was acceptable but we should ask Mr Harrison to let us have 12 months notice if he decides to retire.**

It was also agreed that getting contracts for maintenance would be impossible as we do not know what work would be involved every year and every tree different problem.

Hedge cutting- these were all at Finkle Hill recreation ground and Chairman reports that they are to let us have a map of what hedges there are in the area so that we can get quotes for the work. Chairman will chase them up to let us have these maps so that Clerk can get 3 quotes requested for this work asap as it will all have to be done before March bird breeding season starts. Councillor Spence asked about Allotments hedges, but Clerk states they do them themselves.

Play areas inspections- Record had stated that they would fix the prices if we did a 3 year contract with them which would be £240 for one inspection and £780 for 3 times inspections. **Agreed we ask RoSPA for a 3 year price.**

RoSPA play check for this year had been sent to all Committee for their attention. Only one thing needed attention which was the Carousel on the EP area the bearing needs attention. Clerk reports that this was only done earlier this year and would check with Record if this is still under guarantee.

CCTV- no further report from Councillor Ransome regarding this.

4. Other issues.

Flooding round Rugby Club-still problems with this. **Agreed Asst. Clerk chase up Groundwork about a meeting to get all the queries on this site sorted out.**

Signage Eversley Park-a V shaped sign was suggested which would be more visible from either approach to the entrance with higher uprights so that temporary signs could be added for Gala etc. Chairman would see if planning would be needed and Councillor Miss Wilson will see Signifik about costs for something similar to the Heritage Board (Parish Council Office/Eversley Park/Eversley Park centre/and Rugby Club to be included on this sign). **Clerk to chase Councillor Hobson up about Rugby sign.**

Lighting footpath 13-Chairman had been to see lady involved in the incident on this path and she is willing to back our request for lighting. Council need to establish ownership of this path. One possibility would be to erect a light at Low Street end of the path pointing down the path which could link into street lighting power supply. Chairman had contacted Kay at Community Safety Partnership and she states that they would expect match funding for any grants given which would probably be 50%. Total cost for this light would be approx. £850 then there would be maintenance and power costs to be met. Chairman is taking this to next CEF's meeting to see if anything can be done there regarding this.

Felling of trees Low Street/Eversley Park and replacement –quotation received from DCG Tree Surgery of £1900 to fell 3 trees and reduce crowns on other 2. Clerk reports that all these have TPOs on them. **Agreed we accept this quotation and ask if they can deal with TPO planning or if Clerk needs to do this. Mr Harrison had suggested we put advert in local *Informer* asking if anyone would like to donate a tree in memory of someone to replace these. Councillor Miss Wilson will do this, but Clerk to ask for price of a tree so that it can be included in advert.**

Proposal for environmental sub –committee-Councillor N. Mossman had suggested this and he had been asked to put together a proper proposal with aims and conditions for what is suggested. To be on next agenda.

Squire Bradbury memorial Seat-wording for this needed approval. Agreed we ask Elizabeth Paddison (Squires Daughter) to approve suggested wording so that this could be erected asap.

Chairman asked that next phase of Eversley Park Project should be added to next agenda.

Next meeting would be in January 2011 date to be fixed.