



SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the meeting of the Special Projects Group held on Wednesday 13th February 2019 at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, Sherwood Drive, New Ollerton

Present: Cllrs R Shilling (Chair), D Batey, L Shilling, R Murray, T Spratley, M Staley and B Wells

Mrs K Wakefield (Clerk), Mrs J Fletcher (Deputy Clerk)

Three members of the public

Apologies: Cllrs D Cumberlidge for personal reasons and M Pringle who was attending a NCC meeting.

Resolved: That these apologies be accepted

DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS:

None

DECLARATION OF ANY INTENTIONS TO RECORD THE MEETING:

None

SP/19/09 To receive and agree the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Special Projects Committee held on Wednesday 9th January 2019

The Minutes, having been previously circulated were signed as a true and correct record.

Proposed: Cllr B Wells

Seconded: Cllr T Spratley

Decision: Nem-Con

SP/19/10 To receive any updates regarding the proposed cemetery extension

The Chair informed members that a meeting had been held with a NSDC Planning Officer to discuss the proposed cemetery extension on land that had been gifted to the Council.

The Clerk reported that a fee proposal had been received from a local architect for the drawing up of plans along with other relevant documentation.

It had been hoped that S106 monies could be identified for use on the proposed works but the NSDC Officer had confirmed that nothing was available at the current time. It was requested that the District Council bear this in mind for future developments.

The Clerk informed members that there was approximately 5 years left in Ollerton Cemetery, Boughton Churchyard had approximately 6 spaces left and Bilsthorpe was now closed. A decision had been taken previously by the Town Council that no out of area interments would take place unless there was strong connection to the Ollerton and Boughton area.

Cllr Spratley requested it be minuted that thanks be given to the NSDC Officer for her time and advice, the meeting with her had been very helpful.

All S106 monies are currently designated for specific projects but could be proposed to be included for agreement on any relevant future applications. The NSDC Officer would look into the S106 agreement for the Thoresby development.

The Clerk was instructed to request further information from the District Council regarding available funding, should other funding not be available members were advised that any costs would need to be included in next year's budget.

The Clerk confirmed that she would also use her professional contacts to ascertain if there are any other funding streams available.

SP/19/11 Playparks and green open spaces

1. To receive any relevant updates regarding Central Park.

A meeting had been held with the supplier of the play equipment to discuss the necessary work on various pieces of equipment and areas of the play park.

The Clerk reported that the problem with the jump stone was still ongoing. The supplier had offered to address the drainage issue with the roundabout free of charge and had also supplied a quotation for works to the carpeted area in front of the Sutu, this would be at a cost to the Council.

The following issues were discussed:

- Shared responsibility for the costs as the Council were ill advised
- Works to roundabout being undertaken but renegotiate costs for other works.
- Obtain quotations from other suppliers/contractors.

Following discussion it was proposed that the works be carried out on the roundabout which was at no cost to the Council and the other areas be dealt with at a later date.

Proposed:	Cllr B Wells	Seconded:	Cllr T Spratley
Decision:	Nem-Con		

The Clerk was instructed to obtain quotations for the installation of a French drain and other works required.

2. To receive a brief update from Cllrs Murray and Spratley regarding:

- i) Mill Field

A site visit had taken place following which it was proposed that the area would be an ideal site for a flower meadow. More trees would need to be planted to keep noise levels down. Ollerton Village Residents Association offered their assistance and would set up tables and benches on the site if required. The Clerk reported that saplings could be obtained free of charge from the Woodland Trust.

A joint funding bid could be applied for from the NCC Local Improvement Scheme, the closing date for this was 28th February 2019.

The Clerk would apply to the Tesco Bags for Help scheme initially and the next phase of the LIS scheme later in the year.

The drainage works proposed by the contractor from the development of The Alders had not yet been carried out. The Clerk confirmed that these would be sited around the perimeter of the field and that any donation made to the Council would be used for provision of additional Christmas lights as had been agreed previously by members. The Clerk informed members that with the relevant species of plant development of the site could assist with the flood plain issue. Professional advice regarding sustainability could be sought from members of FUBB and the owner of the Wildlife Garden in Ollerton.

The Clerk confirmed that volunteers from OVRA would be covered by the Councils insurance should the works be carried out as a joint scheme.

Following further discussion it was agreed by **Nem-Con Decision** that the Council develop Mill Field in conjunction with OVRA and that they be invited to attend a future Special Projects meeting.

The Chair thanked Cllrs Murray and Spratley for all their hard work.

ii) Future plans for playparks and green open spaces

Cllr Spratley reported that he along with his wife had planted over 100 whips around Boughton Brake. One of the paths had been cleared to provide wheelchair access but further works still needs to be carried out. Currently looking at costings for further works.

The Clerk reported that the goal posts had been painted and would be insitu for the school Easter break. The CAPS group were working with members of Nottingham Forest football team to use areas of green open space around the town for a football tournament.

SP/19/12 Town Centre Development:

1. To discuss future plans for the town centre

Courtaulds Site

For the benefit of members of the public the Chair gave a brief overview of the project. The Council have a responsibility to do what is best for the community of Ollerton and Boughton.

The proposed hub still had interested parties but there was no money available for development. Members of the public had also shown interest in the site.

Should the area be developed using the approved original plans for retail the site would not incur costs under the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). If the Town Council worked with the District Council and the plans were modified slightly there may be no costs incurred relating to CIL. A completely different planning application would incur CIL which would cost the Town Council in the region of £200,000.

During discussion the following points were raised:

- Too soon to right off a retail development
- The Town is continuing to grow
- Not within the Councils gift to provide medical or housing
- Need to keep green open spaces as long as is viable
- The Council need to investigate the market regarding the financial benefit of disposing of the site

Standing Orders were suspended to allow members of the public to speak.

A local businessman expressed his desire to move onto part of the site.

Standing Orders were resumed.

Members discussed the feasibility study already produced for the hub and the costs incurred.

It was proposed that the Clerk be instructed to write to the District Council on behalf of the Town Council to inform them that unless they confirmed their interest before the next meeting that the site would be placed on the market.

The Clerk is to investigate which agent would be better suited for marketing of the site.

Support: 2 **Against:** 5

A counter proposal was put forward that the site be valued in the first instance, following which the District Council would be informed that it was to be marketed. If the DC were still interested in progressing with a hub on the site then a meeting can be arranged with them.

Support: 7 **Against:** 0

The Chair thanked all for a healthy debate.

SP/19/13 Correspondence

None

SP/19/14 Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 3rd April 2019 at 6.30pm

Meeting closed at 20.05