Weir Meadow Working Group

14th September 2017 – 6.30pm – Cricket Pavilion

In attendance: Andy Bragg, Nick Bradley, Mark Thomas, Charlie Fraser, Tony Stearman, Rich Cloke, Doug Bell

Apologies : Stuart Brooking

Seth Greenwood,  plus two friends, accompanied by David Bossano, addressed the meeting at the start to request a skateboard facility on Weir Meadow

DB outlined running costs of similar facility at Tedburn and how Tedburn had set up local facility……main cost was grass cutting…..also ownership of land was king when seeking funding

It was thought generally that the purchase of the land would be funded through a mix of crowd funding and events from associated sporting clubs leaving the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) to fund the development of the facility.

RC produced a draft plan of Weir Meadow with facilities for football, cricket, rugby and skateboards.

NB updated on negotiations with Church Commissioners (CC). Parish council supports Pynes Farm development of 10 2/3/4 bedroom houses.

Netball and tennis court to be included on facility. Drainage, water and electricity to be considered after purchase of land, initially a green open accessible space is still welcome.

Funding strategies to be considered

NB to look at lottery funding

MT to look at best vehicle for conducting and running Weir Meadow be it through Parish Council, Registered charity or charitable trust

NB to talk to CC to try and purchase the Orchard and Weir Meadow together directly through CC

NB to talk to CC about access or easements across Weir Meadow and how much detail CC require on plans for Weir Meadow

RC to invite Dawn Chapman and Philly Clark to the next meeting

All to respond to Neighbourhood plan with regard to Weir Meadow

Next meeting Wednesday 6th December at Cricket Pavilion @ 6.30pm