

IDE PARISH COUNCIL

Approved minutes of a meeting of Weir Meadow and Joint Fund Raising Group
Monday 29 April 2024, 7.30pm, The Hub, Ide High Street

1. Present: Peter Skinner (chair), Mel Liversage, Nick Bradley, David Howe, Rich Cloke, Richard Cottle, Stuart Brooking, Andrew Ash.

2. Apologies: Rachel Herbert, Harry Studholme, Liz Sharman.

3. Minutes of last meeting, with 'date of next meeting' amended to 29 4 24, approved.

4. Lease, agreement for lease and Slatters contract for new non turf wicket.

a) - The Parish Council (IPC) formally approved, on 20 March, the appointment of Slatters Cricket & Play as the preferred firm to install the new non turf wicket in August 2024. The cricket club (CC) transferred £11,912.00 to IPC Rec Ground account on 20 April to pay for the new cricket wicket.

b) - Contract between IPC and Slatters Cricket & Play signed on 26 April 2024. Huge further thanks to DH and Michelmores for the pro bono work in drawing this up and getting it signed.

c) - The contract stipulates 12 August 2024 as the day of installation of the new wicket.

d) - A Notts Sport System warranty is included as part of the contract

e) - The precise position of the wicket will be determined closer to the installation date by Rich Cloke on behalf of the CC. (Rich will be away on 12 August).

f) - The full wording of the one year lease and of the agreement for lease was formally approved by IPC on 20 March 2024.

g) - Still need an agreed plan drawing showing the precise boundary line of the demised land (the land the CC are leasing) to go with the lease documentation.

h) - Rich Cloke advises that he will wait until the next grass cut, pick up and roll is completed, perhaps in the next 10 - 14 days (it's raining again....), before marking out the definitive boundary line. Then the plan drawing will be completed.

ACTION: Rich Cloke and PS to finalise boundaries and plan drawing, check with NB and DH for IPC agreement; then deliver to DH for attachment to lease documents

i) - DH is away until 22 May. After that we aim to:

- Issue CC with notice to sign lease
- Sign the agreement for lease
- Sign the agreement for lease which is for one year

Deadline date for signing lease would be 11 August, though we plan to sign it rather sooner.

ACTION: DH, Rich Cloke & NB execute points in 4i) above after 22 May

j) - Agreed again that first priority for action and spending is a suitable mower, with storage container, for the CC to manage the entire meadow's grass.

5. Forestry Commission Woodland Creation Design Scheme / Planning Grant for Northern Fields

a) - Julia Matthews was appointed immediately following the 11 March WG meeting to act for and advise the Parish Council in its application for funding under the Forestry Commission WCPG . NB met with her on 21 March and 24 April to finalise the prodigious 25 page Stage 1 submission form, plus 19 attached documents, comprising searches and site information.

b) - Once approved to move to Stage 2, we will need to set up a public meeting for formal consultation.

ACTION: NB liaise with Julia Matthews to submit application, obtain the £1500 Stage 1 grant, and move on the Stage 2.

6. Fund raising; Ide Revel

a) - PS reported that a sub-committee comprising PS, Cheryl Haddy, Rachel Herbert, Liz Sharman, Charlotte McGregor, and Laura & David Farrow had met twice to plan a grand Wier Meadow opening event, reviving Ide Revel.
Apologies from Cheryl, Rachel and Liz who had hoped to attend this working group.
Date suggested for 7 September 2024, as a celebration as well as a fund raiser.

b) - Vision includes bar, BBQ, fish 'n chips, live music, football match, cricket match, obstacle course, auction of promises, extending into the evening; and possibly a marquee with flooring, and WCs.

c) - group discussed issues of electricity, water, rain on the day, and cost of marquee and WCs estimated at £5,000.

d) - NB and ML explained issue of a parish council's "powers" (what it's allowed to do), and annual limit on section 137 spending (spending outside its usual powers). Committing and underwriting £5,000 at risk of loss (poor weather, few people) is not possible for IPC.

e) - Group agreed that we'd either need to sell tickets as per 2023 Westown concert to cover the cost (not the vision for the Revel); or get the cost underwritten by a third party who takes on organising the event at risk. Or scale down the event, by foregoing marquee, the main expense.
[Suggested that if the weather is good, won't need a marquee; if it's bad still won't need a marquee because people won't come and we could cancel / postpone without large financial loss].

f) - Agreed that we could commit to cost of WCs and a generator from Rec Ground IPC funds, without tipping over the section 137 spending limit; and with a fair chance of recouping that level of cost from the bar and catering.

g) - recruit tents and gazebos from around the village.

h) - Resolved to stick with plan for a Revel - all warmly support the idea.

Resolved to stick with September 7, 2024 as date.

Resolved to ask the sub committee to formulate a plan that either underwrites expense of marquee and flooring separately from IPC; or plans the Revel without that expense.

ACTION: PS report back to Ide Revel sub committee as above; and report back to this group with progress at next meeting.

7. National Lottery Fund update

a) - **Fencing and gates (£3850).** PS reported that he and NB had met Ashley of APR fencing on 14 March on site. Measurements taken; agreed where to install fencing, and its line; to install two wooden pedestrian gates in the fencing along eastern border by stream; and one five bar wooden gate, opening into Triangular Field. He has been formally instructed and will do the work in June.

ACTION: PS and AA to liaise with Ashley to complete this contract

b) - **Nest boxes.** Richard Cottle has fitted 15 nest boxes. Dormouse boxes yet to be installed.

ACTION: Richard Cottle to liaise with Julian Perrett to install dormouse boxes

c) - **One bench and 10 picnic tables** have been delivered (to Plane Trees, and Cricket pavilion via Earles Court, respectively). Need gather working party to assemble them and put in place.

ACTION: PS to ask RH to call a working party together on WhatsApp to assemble and position these items.

d) - **Specimen trees (£1850).** Julia Matthews has advised about which specimen trees to get; and Richard Cottle will investigate with PS and Rich Cloke where precisely we will plant them, and how many to buy, and proceed to order them as soon as possible.

ACTION: Richard Cottle press ahead as above, ordering by end of June latest, right through to planting with help from WG members

e) - **Interpretation board.** DH and NB have this on priority once the lease is finalised.

8. Sport England Small Grants scheme.

a) - NB and DH met on 24 April. NB has registered IPC on the scheme and is about half way through completing the application form. It is clear that the scheme does not intend to cater for football. The application "Project" is specifically for a large rotary mower and storage container.

Post meeting update: on 30 April NB received information from Sport England that they are discontinuing this scheme, and replacing it with a "better, simpler" scheme called The Movement Fund. While we could continue to apply against the old Small Grants Fund as we've registered and saved a draft of our semi complete application, they advise that we'd be better to start again with a fresh application to The Movement Fund. It emphasises informal exercise and recreation more than the Small Grants Fund. It does not cater for football.

ACTION: NB, after taking a deep breath, will start again with The Movement Fund - hopefully copying much of his carefully crafted text and pasting it into the new template.

b) - **Mower.** Rich Cloke reported that enquiries advise that it would be better to wait until October or November to buy our big, grunty mower, especially if it's a used model, when prices will have fallen. The CC can provide a stop gap in form of two mowers they now own, which will suffice until we get the new one.

Advised that the new one will need to be a rotary, not cylinder, mower. Likely used cost IRO £10-15K for mower, with £1750 + VAT for a storage container.

8. Football Association PitchPower fund.

a) - SB reported that Nick Garlick (NG) from Devon FA had visited the meadow and is enthusiastic about our chances. SB about to apply for a line marking machine, and will mark the lines out at the end of May, to produce a pitch that could be played on now that the grass is being cut professionally by Sam Burdick.

b) - NG will then visit again to assess; he will assist SB in completing the PitchPower application for mower and container, with a view to receiving a grant by September. Parish Council will be the applicant.

ACTION: SB to get lines painted; take NG to the meadow again to assess; complete application for PitchPower funding for mower and container (plus goals and corner flags as appropriate) in liaison with NB - Parish Council as the applicant.

9. Fund Raising

a) - Ric McCollom and Dale Stringer did indeed complete their 103k ultramarathon in Tuscany, raising £1700 towards the artificial cricket wicket. Amazing, we all agreed!

b) - Rich Cloke reported that the CC plans a fund raising last ever match on the old ground vs The Bakers in the week of the Revel in September.

10. Meadow grass.

a) - PS reported mowing done on 26 April without pick up; to be repeated in about 10 days, with grass pick up.

ACTION: PS continue to liaise with Sam Burdick.

b) - PS undertook to do a repeat soil test in summer as we may well need more potash to bring it anywhere near a healthy state.

ACTION: PS as above.

11. Main entrance barrier gate

Group agreed with proposal by Rich Cloke to strengthen the defence of the meadow against illegal intrusion by installing two ground raising bollards inside the entrance to deter would be intruders. Rich advised cost IRO £450. Group gave him permission to go ahead, get quotes and arrange installation.

ACTION: Rich Cloke as above.

12. Signage

Agreed need to erect "No Professional Dog Walkers" and "Dogs on Lead" signs now that WM is looking more attractive; and having removed old signage.

ACTION: NB as above.

13. Next meeting Monday 3 June, 2024, 7.30 pm, The Hub.

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