

IDE PARISH COUNCIL

Approved minutes of a meeting of Weir Meadow and Joint Fund Raising Group
Monday 3 June 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, Mel Liversage.

3. Minutes of last meeting, amended at 4(i) to add "agreement for lease", approved.
And please find attached for the group's information PS's Chair's report to the May IPC meeting.

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

4.1. Demarcation of pitches on the ground.

- Agreed football pitch can be 91m x 45m.
- Discussed the areas and boundary lines for cricket and football pitches, and the NW limit of the football pitch. DH reminded meeting that the overlap area is not part of the demised area of land in the lease.

Action:

- PS to re-draw the pitch boundaries using his computer's software
- SB and R Cloke to meet on site (? 6 June) to determine where the football pitch side line will be
- Log the co-ordinates of the agreed football pitch touch and goal lines
- Present the co-ordinates to PS in his office; complete the plan drawing
- DH, NB and R Cloke Sign the agreement for lease appending the revised plan drawing.

4.2 We discussed the merits of a "hogging pathway" along the eastern border, to provide flat, firm, simple to lay path, which would encourage people not to walk on the playing areas.

Action:

- At next meeting resolve whether or not to incorporate this hogging path.

5. Woodland Creation Planning Grant for Northern Fields

NB confirmed that the application was submitted five weeks ago. We still await a response asking for an update and will write weekly.

Action: NB write to Kate MacKenzie

6. Ide Revel - 7 September 2024

PS reported with minutes on recent committee planning meeting 8 May 2024:

6.1 Rachel Herbert and Sophie Caunter have created a call for sponsorship poster with red, orange, blue and green levels; the headline £250 sponsor has already been agreed. Group gave positive support for poster. NB will feed back on text to PS.

6.2 Programme of events with responsibilities -

- Double wicket cricket match 12-2pm: PS
- Zorb football match; and a soccer match too. SB to get quote and availability for Zorb from Danny Lewis: SB
- Marquee for music - Dave and Laura Farrow

- H&S, water, power, WC's, lighting, licence - PS and cttee addressing all
- Games: Liz Sharman, Julie Skinner, Kate Venables
- Tea tent: Mary Bradley, Charlotte McGregor
- Bar: Charlie Fraser, Cheryl Haddy, Rachel Herbert
- BBQ: Olivia Ambrose, Laura Bell
- Fish & Chips / ice cream van: Laura & Dave Farrow
- Entrance: Laura Farrow
- Children's obstacle course: James Romain, Ben Jordan - CH to ask
- Face painting - Lisa Higgs
- Emcee: Nick Irving (PS to ask) and Charlie Fraser
- Egg throwing / tug of war
- Welly wanging

Other possibles

- Coconut shy - Perretts
- Splat the rat
- Axe throwing - concession
- Archery - concession
- ? Morris dancers

6.3 NB suggested IPC will want to understand:

- how much the fixed costs will be
- will sponsorship and free deals cover them
- if weather washout will the shortfall be covered

6.4 Post meeting update on 7 June. PS provided current breakdown of how each set up item will be funded after and subcommittee meeting on 5 June. The exposure or maximum shortfall if the event was abandoned would be £2500 [assuming £3k sponsorship and £1k from IPC Ide Village Fund], this sum to be met as far as poss by food and drink sales, car parking and additional sponsorship. NB and PS to identify a supporter willing to underwrite any eventual loss up to £2500.

Action:

- NB feedback on text to PS
- SB Zorb quote / availability
- PS and cttee actively pursue sponsorship and continue detailed planning, especially H&S, parking, water, electrics, music, marquee

7. National Lottery Fund

7.1 PS reported that 1x bench and 10 x picnic tables had arrived, 4 tables erected. Spent £2121.50 plus VAT.

7.2 Nest boxes had been put in place by R Cottle.

7.3 Fencing and gate contract price had gone up to £3450 due to increase in cost of chestnut in wet spring; but still under budget of £3850. Work to be done this month.

Action: PS & AA to manage fencing installation

7.4 Trees - yet to be ordered. In discussion, group agreed that trees best planted along northern side of Meadow (not at south entrance area) - to demarcate the swale line.

Action: - R Cottle:

- a) to make a choice of which trees to order and where they will go;
- b) circulate simple tree planting plan to WG for agreement by email;
- c) then order the trees

7.5 Interpretation board - work in active progress by DH & NB.

8. Sport England Movement Fund

NB reported that on 3 June he completed and submitted an application for £15k towards a used 2012 John Deere wide area mower cost £17k.

Action : NB update with news next meeting

9. PitchPower FA fund

SB reported that Nick Garlick of Devon FA is due to tell us in the next day or two when this funding is released. Then we can apply for the marker machine. Then we can mark up the pitch, and then apply for mower funding.

Action: SB liaise with N Garlick on stage as above.

10. Meadow mowing schedule

PS reported that the condition of the grass is disappointing. The wet winter, spring and early summer have created coarse stalks, little opportunity for tillering, and bare patches where cut grass could not be removed soon enough. Sam Burdick will now mow once a week; also tine if feasible to pick up dead grass.

Action: PS continue liaison w Sam Burdick.

11. N Fields grass

Action: Also agreed to obtain quote from S Burdick for cutting (and ?? removing grass) in N Fields - PS.

12. Security at entrance to Meadow.

In view of recent land occupations locally, R Cloke and AA recommend installing retractable security bollards immediately north (inside) the present metal barrier. Rich C presented quotes from RAM group for two sizes: large and small. Manual retraction is affordable and appropriate for us (engineered hydraulic mechanical retraction v expensive and unnecessary for our needs). Discussed one or two bollards?: agreed on two, small size, square section, thicker steel bollards @£309 each, plus installation cost total £1500.

Action: R Cloke to arrange installation

13. Signage

NB had attached new sign to WM barrier for dogs on a lead, and no commercial dog walking. Further signs to be delivered 5 June for other parts of the Meadow.

Action: NB to install

14. AOB: Cricket ground delineation

Discussed the type of boundary fencing / railing appropriate. Suggested chestnut as per the eastern border fence. Who should pay?

Action: for further discussion next meeting

15. AOB: Container for changing room

Rich Cloke reported that he has access from his work to a free (and free delivery) fitted out container 40' x 8', divided into three internal spaces, which would make a good changing room. To be situated along southern border near current wooden derelict shed. Could be clad in wooden boarding to blend in, w hanging baskets?!

Post meeting update: R Cloke has provided pictures of said container which looks ideal.

Action: R Cloke report at next meeting to agree next step.

16. Next meeting: Thursday 11 July 2024, 7.30 pm, The Hub.

NCAB 13 June 2024

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