**IDE PARISH COUNCIL**

Approved minutes of a meeting of Weir Meadow and Joint Fund Raising Group

Monday 15 July 2024, 7.30pm, The Hub, Ide High Street

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

This meeting, originally scheduled for 11 July, was postponed to 15 July to maximise members' attendance.

**2. Apologies:** Rachel Herbert, Harry Studholme, Stuart Brooking.

**3. Minutes** of last meeting on 3 June 2024 were approved.

And please find attached for the group's information PS's Chair's report to the July 2024 IPC meeting.

**4. Lease and agreement for lease .**

The agreement for lease has been signed by NCAB. Rich Cloke has still to make a statutory declaration before a commissioner for oaths, then sign the agreement.

The Parish Council's half of the lease itself has been signed by NCAB (chair) and ML (clerk).

ACTION: Rich Cloke to do stat dec, and sign agreement.

**5. Woodland Creation Planning Grant - Forestry Commission Scheme**

Julia Matthews and Peter Skinner met Jon Freeman (JF) and Neil Duffield from the FC on site on 10 July. JF is impressed with the site and sees no problems with our proceeding with the project.

Discussed timetable of moving to Stage 2: agreed no benefit in rushing the design, need to do public consultation and give time to order certificated trees. Agree look to getting design application in by Christmas, approval spring 2025, summer deer fencing, ok bank, install paths, tree planting winter 2025/26.

Post meeting update: JF for the FC has signed off Stage 1 and NCAB has completed the claim form. We await confirmation of the stage 2 offer.

ACTION: NB liaise with Julia Matthews about moving to design and Stage 2; and clarifying her company business and banking details.

**6. Grass and hedge cutting.**

6.1 **N Fields.** Agreed to instruct Sam Burdick of County Grounds Management to go ahead with cutting grass in N Fields (not removing it) and the Swale in Meadow at quoted cost of £825.

Will also need the hedges trimmed in N Fields later in say September.

ACTION: PS liaise with Burdick of CGM over grass cutting.

ACTION: PS liaise with booking CGM for hedge cutting September.

6.2 **Meadow.** Agreed need to strim along the hedge by footpath.

ACTION: ??

**7. Ide Revel.** PS reported that the Revel committee is meeting 3-4 weekly. Plans going well. New poster tabled. Have secured £3,600 in sponsorship and donations to cover fixed costs, contingent on securing a grant of £1,000 from Ide PC's Village Fund.

Post meeting update: IPC has granted £1,000.

 Currently projected income is £8350.

Projected costs are £5920.

Projected profit is £2,400.

Bad weather insurance policy has been bought at cost of £424.

Also: Huntsman Quiz night planned for 28 July fundraiser; and pancake breakfast coming soon.

**8. National Lottery**

8.1 **Fencing:**

PS reported that the fencing along eastern border of meadow installed, with gate into triangular field. Good quality.

8.2 **Nest boxes and picnic table - done.**

8.3 **Hogging path and wooden boardwalk:**

Agreed to commission a path to follow current muddy path on south and eastern boundary, to encourage keeping off sports pitches especially in winter. Path to be constructed (viz Haldon Forest) from clay, gravel, sand and granite dust aggregates. Should include the base for the changing room container (see item 14 below).

Agreed also to installing a wooden boardwalk over the NE corner across the swale, w a non slip surface.

ACTION: Andrew Ash will take this on, obtain quotes for hogging path (including container base) and boardwalk, w a view to proceeding asap.

8.4 **Interpretation board**

DH and NB reported that an Exeter firm, Freestyle, has been instructed with a text, map and images, to produce drafts using laminate A1 board, at cost £1400.

ACTION: DH liaise with Freestyle on review of draft.

8.5 **Specimen tree planting**

R Cottle reported with suggestions of tree species (Liquidambar, birch, hornbeam) and positioning at NE corner meadow. Agreed make a gap between trees and boardwalk. Discussed mowing, strimming and mulching. Agreed plant away from the flat area. Agree to purchase now mature three metre 17 trees, quoted from Celtic tress at £1981 inc VAT and delivery, stakes, and rabbit protection.

ACTION: R Cottle to order now for delivery in September, advising invoice to be made out to IPC and sent to Mel; delivery of trees to Plane Trees.

**9. Sport England Movement Fund**

NB reported that SE office had said we might expect an answer next week. Discussed different mower options, with possibilities of flail attachment.

ACTION: NB liaise with SE Movement Fund.

**10. Football Association PitchPower fund**

PS reported that SB has been unwell; but that a borrowed line marker is due to arrive this week end, w plan to mark out pitch next week. This will then allow application to PitchPower for mower and equipment funds. Corners have been positioned.

CGM have been asked to cut grass weekly.

ACTION: SB (if well) to mark out pitch ? on Sunday. PS will liaise and seek other help if SB unfit.

ACTION: PS keep in close liaison w CGM to make sure grass is cut weekly. Soil test planned autumn.

**11. Security**

Have previously agreed to commission installation of bollards inside the barrier at main entrance to meadow, and fully costed at £500 per bollard.

ACTION: Rich Cloke will place the order tomorrow.

**12. Artificial cricket wicket**

Slatters on track to install on 12 August.

ACTION: Rich Cloke to check and confirm w Slatters this week.

**13. Signage.**

NB reported that fresh signs saying "On Weir Meadow dogs must be kept on the lead. No commercial dog walking" have been delivered, with wooden stakes. Plan to erect them once Meadow is opened fully in September.

ACTION: NB install September.

**14. Container for football changing room.**

Rich Cloke reported to confirm that the 32' container whose image he circulated is ours as and when we want it.

ACTION: discuss again next meeting

**15. Container for mower equipment**

Rich Cloke reminded us that we will also need a second container to store the new mowing equipment.

ACTION: await mower purchase.

**16. Next meeting: Monday 19 August 2024, 7.30 pm, The Hub.**

NB gave apologies: DH will nobly take the minutes.

**Attached:** Chair's report to July IPC meeting.

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