



Minutes  
Woodham Walter Playground Working Group  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 7.30pm  
Virtually via Zoom

Present: Councillor Joanna Symons, Councillor John Tompkins, Jacky Bannerman (Parish Clerk),  
Graham Bannerman, Carolyn Gardener, Nigel Cornwell,

**01. Welcome**

- Joanna welcomed those present to the meeting.

**02. Apologies for absence**

- Apologies were noted from Mateja Simic, Bob Jones and Pam Seear

**03. To approve Minutes for meetings dated 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020**

- The minutes were not available.

**04. Playground Update**

4.1 Jacky reported that the fund stands at: £15,509.27

4.2 Income since the last meeting:

- £1000 donation from village resident. Jacky has emailed a thankyou but it was agreed a proper letter should also be written. Jacky will check if the donation is to remain anonymous.

**05. Fundraising**

5.1 No events had been held since the last meeting.

5.2 All events over the Spring/Summer had been cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. (Queen Vic Quiz, Bingo Night, Tadpoles Picnic, Festival Weekend, Bell Meadow Day)

5.3 Wine Tasting – 17<sup>th</sup> October – it was agreed that this event should also be cancelled. Jacky to cancel Hall booking.

5.4 Virtual fundraising event – it was agreed that this will be considered depending on the outcome of the latest grant application.

5.5 Tesco collection – it is not expected that this will be able to take place but Jacky will write to enquire.

**06. Grant Applications**

6.1 Community Initiatives Fund – Jo reported the CIF application had been submitted. We have applied for the maximum grant of £10k. The application had received the support of County Councillor Penny Channer and also support from Tadpoles Nursery, Bell Meadow Village Association and Women's Club. We should hear towards the end of October/November if we have been successful.

6.2 Locality Fund – this fund is for a stand-alone item and is awarded from a pot that each County Councillor has. Cllr. Channer has indicated that a picnic bench/es would fit the criteria and that the fund needs to be spent by the end of the Financial Year. It is likely to be an award in the region of £1000.

- Discussion regarding picnic bench. The merits of wood or plastic were considered but it was decided that the look of wood with the wooden playground equipment would be aesthetically best.
- It was agreed that the bench/es should be secured to a concrete pad, this would help prevent rotting, security, anchoring and also stop the grass from wearing away and becoming muddy. Nigel offered to organise a working party to install the concrete and fix the bench/es. This could probably be achieved for a cost in the region of £200-£250. A team of community volunteers will be sought.
- Having considered various different benches it was agreed that the 6/9 seater bench by Woodberry of Lemington Spa was the preferred option. This offers space for wheelchair/pushchairs. The cost is £375.00 so it may be possible to purchase 2 x benches within the Locality Fund.
- Joanna/Jacky will take the details to the Parish Council for ratifying and then make the application to Cllr. Channer.

6.3 Await the results of the CIF before researching any further grants. Most grants at the moment seem to be COVID related and it is difficult to find community funding for projects such as our playground.

## **07. Other Matters**

7.1 It was agreed that a report should be written for the Parish magazine and also the village email. Nigel will also include on his facebook page.

7.2 It was agreed that if funding isn't in place by the time the planning permission expires (May 2022), then works will commence with the fencing to secure the permission.

## **07. Date of next meeting**

- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7.30pm

Meeting Closed at 8.30pm