

Bartestree with Lugwardine Group Parish Council

Christopher Gibbons Field Working Group

20th May 2025

7pm

Notes

Present: Ron Williams, Paul Hodges, David Welton, Fran White, Wendy Soilleux, Roy Ovel, Jonathan Jackson, Siobhan Green

Apologies: Clare Gibbons

- Following the approval at the May PC meeting for a budget of £10,000 for the engagement of a planning consultant, landscape architect and ecologist it was agreed by the working group that we would appoint Tomkins and Thomas as the planning consultants, Carley Tinkler as the landscape architect and Jonathan Fennessey as the Ecologist (following this meeting we were advised that JF could no longer participate due to his current workload, other ecologists are being looked into)
- The group discussed the possibility of setting up an independent charity to raise the funds needed, Roy Ovel agreed to be the chair of this charity and was happy to reach out to the local community to find 2 other committee members in order to proceed. It was agreed that although council members could participate in the fundraising it would be better to leave the governance of the charity completely separate to the PC and therefore no councillor would be trustees of this charity.
- RO discussed how it would be much easier to get local businesses on board if we had some marketing material to

present to them outlining the project. SG agreed to look into the costs and approach the council for permission.

- Discussed that following the May meeting and a comment from a parishioner about the prioritisation of the project elements that the best process would be to start with the multi-use pathway as this was the most popular option, this would also allow for the football club to proceed with the pitch. Due to the nature of how we will be proceeding with this project we will also be able to get more competitive quotes for this work and from local companies, potentially providing savings on the initial quotations. JJ has been advised by Herefordshire Council that for works under £75000 we will not need to follow the full tendering process.