

Bartestree with Lugwardine Group Parish Council

Christopher Gibbons Field Working Group

20th June 2024

7pm

Present: Siobhan Green, Ron Williams, Polly Smith, Fran White, Jonathan Jackson and Clare Gibbons, Wendy Soilleux

1. WS joined us for the start of the meeting to discuss the current planning situation.
 - a. The initial application was rejected due to issues with the amount of information they were requiring from us.
 - b. WS had spoken to a company called Blakedown Sport and Play who advised they would be happy to come and speak with us with regards to the project and what planning would be required, they are a member of SAPCA and have offered to do this free of charge.
 - c. WS advised that in order to ensure we could get the funds from S106 for the track it would need to be referred to as a multi-use pathway, rather than a running track.
2. Some suggestions were made as to where we could get funding for the project, these included:
 - a. Clive Richards Foundation
 - b. National Lottery Grant
 - c. Eveson Trust
 - d. Westons Foundation
 - e. Active Herefordshire and Worcestershire
 - f. Allpay Charity
 - g. Any potential disability specific grant funding
 - h. Public Board works loan – as an absolute last resort.
3. We had a few questions from the residents at Hagley Croft, following discussion it was suggested that we respond to them with the following information:
 - a. It is not legally possible to ban vaping in outdoor areas, and wouldn't be something that could be policed in such a large open area
 - b. There would be restricted vehicle access to the field and we are looking at the options with regards to gating off the area after a certain time – similar to the village hall
 - c. The items specifically outside their wall will be trees and the multi-use pathway.
4. FW discussed that it would be worth speaking directly with Ruth Jackson with regards to the planning and some elements may be able to be done under permitted development and therefore not require planning permission. We agreed that she should reach out to Ruth and meet again once we had more information with regards to planning.
5. JJ suggested it may be worth looking at alternative options for the pathway, and that we should consider whether tarmac may require more maintenance long term.
6. It was suggested that we draft a letter to go out to all residents to advise of the current progress of the field so they are aware that work is happening behind the scenes.

Meeting was closed and it was agreed that we would confirm a date for the next meeting once we have more guidance on the planning.