

GREAT LONGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2013

Present: Cllr Simon Headington, Cllr James Cox, Cllr Hugh Wright, Cllr Peter Thompson, Cllr Wendy Long, Sarah Stokes (Clerk) and 2 parishoners.

Public comments.

There were no public comments.

Cllr Headington opened the meeting at 7.31 pm.

32/13 To accept apologies for absence.

There were no apologies for absence.

33/13 To register items of interest relating to the agenda.

There were no declarations of interest.

34/13 Recreation Ground.

34.1 To consider the proposal to submit the Revised MUSA planning Application.

Cllr Long reported on the WP meeting with Sarah Foster PDNPA, where the revised plan for the MUSA was discussed on site. The revised plan took into consideration the Sports England Guidelines and the survey findings. With regards to submitting a plan the WP had been advised to also send in a copy of the presentation. Two letters of objection to a MUSA have already been sent into PDNPA.

Design and access statements were discussed and the PC approving this wording prior to any application going in.

The Cllrs were shown a plan of the revised MUSA.

Cllr Long highlighted that the revised site is proposed in line with advice from PDNPA, where they proposed that the MUA be adjusted to move away from the adjacent residents not a slight movement from some and not others. The Unit would be moved down the field; the hedge area next to the tennis court would be extended along with allowance of space to maintain the hedge (WP to speak to Gary Bacon at PDNPA with regards to planting recommendations). To note the whole hedge may have to be replaced, also the revised site would be 4 metres from the middle of the hedge to the edge of the MUSA. The footpath and football pitch proximity have also been considered greatly in the revised siting.

A solid footpath is proposed on the edge/entrances to the MUSA to allow for the scraping off of mud. Lighting issues were resolved to put in for 3 light heads on each light head. To note the

telescopic lighting option would have sat at 3.5 metres high when put down, with high purchase and running costs.

The WP are meeting with an electrician to look into options, a three phase system is being considered due to the proposed 3 light head system. The changing rooms are proposed to not be included in the application, due to the high cost, detrimental to plans. To be reconsidered in a possible phase 2 in the future. However storage would be required for nets and the floodlight mechanics.

Alongside the proposed MUSA, the survey results had requested a levelling of the football pitch. The Cllrs were shown a map of the undulations, where there are big differences in height. Regrading would be required, which would require planning permission. It has been suggested that funding may be available from the Football Association for such a project. Possible utilisation of the soil from the MUSA was discussed. Redoing the land drainage would also be required at the same time.

Cllr Wright supported the levelling of the football pitch.

Planting schemes around the MUSA were discussed, possible tall thin trees positioned where the lighting systems are positioned. It was noted that a detailed planting scheme does not have to be in place when putting in the planning application.

Rights of Way/footpath was discussed further. It was seen that the revised plan improves the footpath access, as it currently crosses the corner of the tennis court. DCC would be consulted on the footpath.

The meeting was closed at 7.55pm

The meeting reopened at 8.02pm

The Cllrs discussed that bowling was an area of great interest on the survey. GLCC are trialling the idea in a small way on the rec this year. It was resolved not to include bowling in the current proposed application, but for it to be reviewed in the future dependent on support. Particularly as no specific area on the rec. has been discussed as a suitable option with an assessment/PDNPA consultation.

It was also stressed that in the development of the proposed MUSA/football pitch, piles of soil should not be left on the rec for any great period of time.

Cllr Headington summarised:

Feedback from the surveys has been taken into account; moving the MUSA a few metres from the border; creating better hedging as a buffer; using 3 head lights to increase illumination, not telescopic; not including a toilet block/changing facilities, to consider in the future; to include within the application the levelling of the football pitch to eliminate undulations, incorporating drainage.

Cllr Headington proposed for the WP to prepare a formal planning application for the March meeting, for the PC to approve the content of. This was seconded by Cllr Thompson with all in favour.

35/13 Late items of correspondence.

35.1 Parish Precept and tax base/grant. It was resolved at the PC meeting of 13th February to raise the precept, with the understanding that the DDDC grant being given would come off this

figure. The Clerk had enquired with DDDC, to confirm this understanding. As it was confirmed that the grant of £431 is in addition to the precept, the Clerk has brought this to the meeting. Cllr Headington proposed that the precept be kept at the original figure that the Clerk had sent in, in November 2012. With the grant to be used towards xmas tree lighting. This was seconded by Cllr Thompson, with all in favour. Clerk to inform DDDC of this decision.

Cllr Wright left to room at 8.08.pm

35.2 Feemouth yard maintenance work quote. The Clerk reported that a quote had been received from B Cardona to: remove and dispose of all cornus bushes and stumps on all four designated areas at Feemouth Yard and to prepare the ground and apply grass seed to all four areas at the appropriate time. Burning the bushes debris on site was raised to reduce costs, proximity to residents was discussed. Cllr Headington proposed (this was seconded by Cllr Long, with all in favour) the Clerk to ask B Cardona to carry out the work specified in the quote, as B Cardona has the contract to carry out additional work within the Parish. It was also noted that to gain further quotes would be a timely process.

Cllr Wright rejoined the meeting at 8.09pm

36/13 Date of next meetings.

Thursday 7th March 2013 Sports Association meeting 7.30pm

Wednesday 13th March 2013 PC Meeting 7.30pm

Thursday 21st March 2013 Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm

Wednesday 10th April 2013 PC meeting 7.30pm

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.10pm.

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