



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Steyne Park Project Working Group meeting held on the 14th January 2015 at 6pm in the Parish Office, 5 Foreland Road

Present: Cllr D Grannum, Cllr B Bristow, Mr K Cook, Mr K Marston, Mr A Morris, Mr S Bligh, Mrs E Goldring (Clerk) and Mrs J McDade (Asst Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Mrs L Mitchell and Cllr A Woodford

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To receive for approval minutes of the Steyne Park Project Working Group held on 10th December 2014

RESOLVED: Approved minutes of the Steyne Park Project Working Group held on 10th December 2014 and duly signed by the chairman.

3. PEOPLES MILLIONS

Update on grant and orders

The Peoples Millions Grant offer has been signed, returned and accepted. Payment of the grant will be made via BACS direct into the bank account. The gym equipment has been ordered from Streetscape and timescales for installation needs to be agreed.

Project Planning

As previously mentioned there are some decisions to make:

Remove Hump or not? If yes do we remove completely or spread the earth around the park. If we leave the hump what do we do with it? What to do with the hump if we don't remove it. Landscape? Add gazebo type construction? Make a feature of it?

How many play areas can we resurface – do we leave the swing area as it is? Access to swing area may be a problem if large vehicle access is needed. Which company do we choose for the surfacing?

Where is access? Steyne Park entrance or via old school site – use of old school site may not be readily achievable as we need a license from IW Council or Vectis housing if land is sold. Access via old school site is only needed if hump is removed.

Much of the decision making will be based on financial considerations but there are other elements to be considered:

Access to various areas.

Value for money – especially with regard to hump removal. Is it worth £7k?

Is hump removal really needed?

Confidence in potential suppliers.

Availability of local contractors if needed.

The following notes were drafted by Alan Morris and circulated to members prior to the meeting.

The Peoples Millions grant is:	£49,979
We have decided to use Streetscape for Gym equipment:	£11,312
We will spend a minimum amount on furniture:	£4,368
Total	£15,680
This leaves (for surfacing and hump)	£34,299
If we removed the hump	£7,078
This would leave:	£27,221

From the recent quotations received from the various surface suppliers the following comments are offered:

- Both Wicksteed and Streetscape are outside our budget
- BounceBack appear cheap but do not offer to do the ground works – they merely pour the wetpour onto previously prepared area. Local companies appear reluctant to even quote for the ground works. BounceBacks latest quote has different prices per square metre from previous quote. It seems that this would be quite high risk.
- SSP is next cheapest. SSP revised quote (and previous version) only allow for 150mm stones and 50mm wetpour. It is a risk that costs could increase once work commenced as existing bark is probably 300mm deep, thus necessitating more stones.
- Excluding Wicksteed and Streetscape Soft Surfaces is most expensive. However they quote for 300mm stones and CFH (Critical Fall Height) for wetpour. This would appear to be the safest/least risky option

SSP quote £31,500 for 3 areas and £25,000 for 2 areas. 3 areas is affordable if mound is left, 2 areas is affordable if hump is removed

Soft surfaces quote £35,840 for 3 areas and have yet to quote for 2 areas. Rough guess is that based upon areas to be covered the swing area is circs 25% of the total and may therefore save £8-9K – ie a cost for 2 areas around £27-28K. From this 3 areas is not possible within the budget but 2 areas probably are if hump is not removed.

Option 1

Remove hump:	£7,078
Use BounceBack all three areas:	£17,720
GYM:	£11,312
Furniture:	£4,368
Total:	£40,478

Which leaves for ground works, contingency and make good costs: £9,501
High risk but affordable assuming local contractor can be found to do ground works

Option 2

Leave hump:	£0
Use SSP for all 3 areas:	£31,500
GYM:	£11,312
Furniture:	£4,368
Total:	£47,180

Which leaves for contingency and make good costs: £1,799
Looks affordable but there is risk of needing additional stones. Also little contingency

Option 3

Leave hump:	£0
Use SSP for 2 areas:	£25,000
GYM:	£11,312

Furniture:		£4,368
	Total:	£40,680
Which leaves for contingency and make good costs:		£9,299
<i>Looks affordable and may be sufficient funds for extra stones</i>		

Option 4

Leave hump:		£0
Use Soft surfaces for 2 areas:		£25,800
GYM:		£11,312
Furniture:		£4,368
	Total:	£41,480
Which leaves for contingency and make good costs:		£8,499

This looks least risky option and leaves a reasonable contingency, though we still have to remove the bark.

Option 5

Remove hump:		£7,078
Use Soft surfaces for 2 areas:		£25,800
GYM:		£11,312
Furniture:		£4,368
	Total:	£41,480
Which leaves for contingency and make good costs:		£1,421

Leaves very small contingency as we still have to remove the bark.

Note: If we plan to leave the hump where it is we will need to seek approval of the lottery to deviate from the previously agreed schedule.

The removal of the hump is proving to be expensive and awkward. It looks like 2 trees would have to be removed as well as the hedge and fence. Entry from the school site is very narrow. The cost of landscaping the area after removal has not been factored into the grant so money would need to be found. Instead of removal the money could be spent on landscaping the hump with planting, play equipment or seating. Need to speak with the lottery for advice on changing criteria.

The bark chippings would need to be removed if Option 4 is agreed. These could be offered to the public on a set date, though condition of chippings is not known. Alternatively a quote from Aaron Rogers to remove could be sought.

Soft Surfaces have stated that the price is based upon works being undertaken in February as they are booked up from mid-march. With the gym being installed around the same time a public open day could be arranged for the spring.

RESOLVED:

- Agreed hump not to be removed but landscaped. Emma to speak with lottery over changes to grant criteria with regards not removing the hump.
- Agreed on Option 4. Emma to contact Soft Surfaces to arrange a site visit as soon as possible and confirm cost of quote before appointing as surfacing contractors.
- Agreed to ask Aaron Rogers for a quote to remove the bark chippings.

4. BASKETBALL COURT AND OLD PLAY AREA

Discuss use of basketball court and old play area and the provision of tennis

The old play area is not big enough for a MUGA, so will have to go on basketball area but not planned until Peoples Millions project, CCTV and drainage is completed. Temporary tennis net and pole surrounds would cost approx. £1,650 or the stronger netting was quoted at £4,500 installed. Would be good to have completed by the spring. Approximately £1000 available in Steyne Park Project budget. Another £3000 has been budgeted for the Steyne Park project in the next financial year which commences 1st April.

RESOLVED: Discuss with Parish Lengthsmen regarding installation of the temporary tennis net and pole surrounds.

5. DRAINAGE

Discuss grounds feasibility report

Following the feasibility study the amount of work to be recommended and the cost of approx. £100,000 makes the drainage project a massive undertaking. If a grant was to be submitted to Sports England they would also want the field levelled which could double the costs. The worst areas are the borders of the field especially the Steyne Road side. The pipe running through the garden of 35 Steyne Road to the main drain is only 6ins but should be 9ins. This ideally needs to be changed. The land was owned by IWC but they have no records and believe it passed to South Wight Housing. Clearing the ditches could help but caution is required as we do not want to cause any more flooding to neighbouring gardens. The middle of the park area does not get too flooded so not a major problem area. Bill has some knowledge of drainage on fields, so will speak with Parish Lengthsmen regarding ditches and pipes already in place. A CCTV camera report could be commissioned to assist with identifying problem through the pipes.

RESOLVED: Wait for full report to be received before any works take place.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Police and Crime Commissioner grant funding application for CCTV at Steyne Park has been submitted and we should hear back early February.

Bembridge Cricket Club has applied for another grant for a new wicket from the ECB. The lease for the school field is now awaiting a response from the Bembridge Cricket Club. IWC should have issued Bembridge cricket club 12 months’ notice of their current arrangement. The lease cannot proceed until this notice has been acknowledged. Ken Marston said that they had not received any notice from IWC and were unaware of the physical agreement being referred to. There was a reciprocal arrangement with the school that they could use the wicket and the cricket use the school field free of charge. Emma could email the 3 page document to the Cricket Club.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Confirmed date and venue of next meeting as Wednesday 11th February at 5pm in the Parish Office

Meeting closed 7.00pm

Signed:.....

Dated:.....