



# BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of Steyne Park Project Working Group meeting held at **6.00pm** on the **4<sup>th</sup> June 2014** in the lounge of the Bembridge Youth & Community Centre, Steyne Park, Bembridge

**Present:** Cllr D Grannum (Chairman), Mrs D Portwine, Mr K Marston, Mr S Warburton, Mr A Morris, Mr S Bligh, Mr K Cook, Cllr A Woodford, Cllr B Bristrow, Mrs A Attrill, Mr E Goldring (clerk) and Mrs J McDade (asst clerk)

- APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - To receive apologies for absence  
Apologies received from Mrs L Mitchel
- MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** - To receive for approval minutes of the Steyne Park Project Working Group held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2014  
**RESOLVED:** To approve minutes of the Steyne Park Project Working Group held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2014. Duly signed by Chairman.
- PEOPLES MILLIONS** - Update on the Peoples Millions application  
The grant application has been submitted and received. The application was for £46,163, using the figures from the highest quotes we had received for outdoor gym equipment, re-surfacing the play areas and the new gym equipment, removal of the cycle mound and park furniture (benches, picnic tables and bins). If selected will need to draw up a detailed project plan, this can be done once we have heard more from the People's Millions.
- PROJECT PLAN** - To consider drafting a Project Plan  
Plan received from Mr A Morris:

*As previously mentioned I believe that it is essential that we take time to plan what the park should look like in (say) 5 years time. To do this we need to:*

- 1. Examine the (proposed) lease for the school field to establish any limitations on what can be done*
- 2. Produce a scale diagram(s) (do any exist?) of the two fields. If none exist do we get one produced? If so how would it be funded?*
  - Consider the current hedging between the two fields – do we remove and make one (larger) recreation ground?*
  - Add existing facilities to the drawings*
    - Cycle mound*
    - Football pitches*
    - Changing rooms*
    - Play area*
    - Skateboard area*
    - Petanque terrain*
    - Cricket pitch – should we consider a cricket square?*

- Long jump pit
  - Basketball area
  - Consider the proposed move of petanque terrain
3. Consider the BYCC building – potential enhancements linked to any future park plans. This could be a major project that will require considerable funding. Who will do this BYCC management or Steyne Park group?
  4. Consider the drainage requirements for the school field – costs, grants, timing /priority
  5. Determine the process for developing plans
    - Consultations on what is wanted/needed – open days, leaflets, website etc
    - Publicity – community need to be informed on a regular basis
    - Phased plan – prioritisation. We need the overall plan first (ie what the end situation will be)
  6. Funding
    - Grants – see Emma’s list
    - Local fund raising – question how did Parish Church manage to raise £50k so easily recently – can we learn from them?
  7. Initial thoughts from first meeting which need to be tested to determine whether or not they are realistic /needed by the local community – we should be providing for locals wherever possible. Testing should be carried out among the community and not just the working group.
    - Ladies rugby – IW team needs a home – would Bembridge ladies take part?
    - Youth rugby – Vectis youth could play here – would local youngsters take part/
    - Cricket nets – where to locate
    - Changing rooms – earlier plans had changing rooms built into BYCC
    - Allotments
    - Youth football – 3 teams playing from September 2014.
    - Senior football – do we still need two pitches (probably)
    - MUGA
    - Outdoor Gym – peoples millions application
    - Running track
    - Skateboard area extension / update
    - Badminton – inside BYCC – needs building alteration
    - Tennis – school courts
    - Disk Golf request received – note that a minimum of 3 acres would be needed for a nine hole course – a large area!

*Note that with the exception of allotments all current suggestions are sport related. Do we need to widen the thoughts to include non sport ideas such as a garden area (peaceful)*

8. Whilst we have taken the opportunity to apply to the peoples millions project I think that we need to have our 5 year plan in place before we make any commitments – note that even if we were successful with peoples millions the award would not be until November 2014, so we have time to plan. Obviously if other timed grants appear we should consider them.

9. Note that at the Parish Council AGM Lee Matthews stressed the need to have the school involved if we are to apply for sports grants. The school currently has several sporting activities that need to be built on outside of school hours (and years).
10. My actions would be:
- a. Consider how to test current ideas (as in para.7 above) with the community. Consider a survey listing the topics and asking for opinion on need (e.g. wanted / essential / not wanted / desirable). Ask for any other suggestions. See attached (very) draft proforma
  - b. Get drawings of the current fields ready to update
  - c. Consider how to get the school involved

We need to consult with local residents as to what they want on the playing field and the demand will decide the outcome. We need to produce a large scaled drawing of both fields to show what we have now and where/what we can adequately accommodate. A model of the area would also be good to visualise what we are trying to achieve. Would John Board be able to help? A table at the Summer and Sports festivals would be a good place to publicise the project and get feedback. Need to publicise project in Parish News, Beacon, Village Talk, BBA, Welcome Community TV, Primary School newsletter, scouts, leaflets in shops, Isle of Wight Radio, poll on parish website and posters. We need a catchphrase to attract attention, explain what we want to achieve and give options as to what is wanted eg:

- Rugby
- 5 a Side Football
- Cricket nets
- Hockey
- Basketball
- Netball
- Youth football
- Senior football
- Outdoor Gym
- Tennis
- Running track
- Skateboard area extension / update
- Garden area
- Nature Trail
- Wildlife Garden

Comments received from Liz Mitchell with regards drainage:

*'There was a ditch along the hedge line in the school playing field which drained to a manhole cover just between the basketball pitch and the hedge. This went along side Mr Holbrooks (Arron's uncle) house and was connected with a drain hole cover and presumably the main drain in Steyne Road. The remnants of this can still be seen.*

*I have a rough sketch of the drainage systems of the field, obtained from Mr Sutton who was the IWCC drain, ditch and hedge man. Basically the field is herring boned with drainage pipes ending in above mentioned ditch and drain hole covers. Along the bottom edge of the field which runs parallel to Steyne Road was a gravel soak away and at either side of the field there should be large ditches.'*

Island Roads should have drainage plans for all areas, need to ask them for a drainage map for the area. Speak with Graham Sutton. Using the free trees from the 'Big Tree Plant' around the edge of the field would also help the drainage problem.

**RESOLVED:**

Produce a consultation leaflet to be distributed to local shops and school.

Publicise project and consultation.

Publicise project at with a stall at summer festival on 19<sup>th</sup> July and Sports festival 24<sup>th</sup> August in Steyne Park; will get a polling box and booth for leaflets.

Find someone to produce a large scale plan for the 2 fields.

Ask Island Roads for a drainage map of the area.

5. **DISC GOLF** - To consider the proposal to provide Disc Golf at Steyne Park  
For Disc Golf a 3 acre site is needed so we would not have the space to accommodate.

**RESOLVED:** To decline Disc Golf on Steyne Park and Playing Field as it's not large enough.

6. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- We would not be able to have allotments on the Playing Field as per lease condition. Any building on the area would require approval from the IWC and planning permission; this may need to be removed at the end of the lease term.
- Parking could become an issue with extra sports, so need to look carefully to see what could be done to alleviate the problem. Could we create a small car park from the entrance to the top field?
- Sandown might be selling gym equipment – would it be any good for us?
- Lots of information on the Sports England website on projects like this around the country. Lee Matthews will be able to advise on grants and what we will need for them. Close links with the school would be beneficial.
- Need to make the area look like one park, open for everyone. Removing the hedge between the two areas would help. This would also be needed if plans for an extension onto the BYCC for changing rooms and viewing deck were to go forward.

7. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - To confirm date and venue of next meeting

Date of next meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 6pm at the BYCC

Meeting closed 7pm

**Signed:**

**Dated:**