

Supporting information for Bletsoe PC – 14th November meeting

Item 4 – minutes – these have been circulated via email

Item 7 – Clerk's report

Paul Vine has completed the hard standing on the bus stop on Coplowe Lane – our thanks to him

I need a photograph of the bench in situ on the playing field – it is a requirement of the ward funding scheme.

Bus Stop – original contractor has been unable to undertake the work due to family circumstances. I sought 2 further quotes:

Nikki Ginn - £195.00 – no VAT (comparable with previous contractors quote) remove stone shingles, felt roof and replace with new shingles on the ridge of the bus shelter

D J Landscapes £760 + VAT (proposing to removal and replace with roof riles and stone shingles)

I have asked Cllr Towler if he would fund the repairs using ward funds – to be confirmed at our meeting

SMH Fleet Solutions – noise from car alarms on vehicles being transported

I did receive a response from James Orridge who is the delivery manager at SMH. He explained that the problem is some vehicles have to be locked for transportation due to security issues for legal driver breaks and therefore stopping access to the unattended vehicles. There really doesn't seem to be a solution for this if their protocols are that the cars need to be locked when transported and the driver won't be aware of the noise emanating from the vehicles he is transporting.

No other matters to report on

Item 8 – proposal from J Russon regarding use of village playing field by Sharnbrook FC

Junior team – written proposal circulated by email. Key points to consider might include:

Does this fit in with the agreement between the PC and The Lady Smockers?

Liability insurance – this will not be covered by PC insurance – any other organisation using the playing field i.e. village fete, one off weddings, fireworks organise their own PL insurance

Does the village hall want more storage facilities on its field – there will be a need for a storage unit for a lawnmower the Lady Smockers?

Does the field drain well enough for regular football use?

Can the village hall take regular weekend bookings – do they already have regular hirers at the weekend?

Car parking – probably looking at approximately 10-15 cars per match – can the car park cope with this – what about overflow car parking?

My understanding was that at the September meeting enquiries were made regarding small goalposts for local children to use as part of a kick about not for Sharnbrook FC to use our field for matches.

Will there be a charge for the use of the field?

Item 9 – Report from the Lady Smockers

Written reports circulated by email already include:

- Lady Smocker Finances
- List of Lady Smocker activities and achievements 2016
- Results from Bletsoe engagement event

Shane Hughes will attend the meeting and also give a verbal report

Item 10 – Planning

Written report emailed – the good news is that the Growing Beds application was refused and so for the time being the operation will continue to operate from Ravensden. Cllr Foster will update us on the latest situation regarding the Waiting for the Sun site.

Item 11 – NDP steering group

The survey has now been completed and the results compiled. I have emailed you all a copy of the report which details the outcome of the survey. These results now need to be endorsed by the parish council as part of the NDP process.

Item 12 - Financial Matters

- (i) Accounts for payment – written report circulated
- (ii) Spend against budget – written report circulated

Item 13 – To approve the calendar of meetings for 2017

Dates circulated by email

Item 15 – Date of next meeting

Monday 9th January 2017

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11 November 2016