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Northstowe Phase 1 Open Space Management & Maintenance Steering Group Meeting

29 June 2023

Teams Meeting - Time: 10:00 am

Attendees

- (EB) Ellen Bridges, SCDC – Communications and Communities (Chair)
- (MS) Mihaela Stan, SCDC – Communications and Communities
- (LM) Luke Mills, Greater Cambridge Shared Planning
- (MM) Cllr Majdi Mgaidia, Northstowe Town Council
- (AWy) Cllr Andrew Wycherley, Longstanton Parish Council
- (SC) Steven Carlaw, Anglian Water
- (AS) Adam Shaw, Anglian Water
- (LH) Lee Hillam, SCDC - Principal Operations Manager, Environment Operations
- (NU) Nick Upton, Greenbelt

Apologies

- (MN) Mark Nokkert, Clerk, Northstowe Town Council
- (RW) Robin Waddell, Greenbelt

TC= town council PC=parish council LPA=Local Planning Authority AW = Anglian Water

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| 1.0 | Apologies received. | |
| 2.0 | Minutes and Actions of Previous Meetings | |
| 2.1 | Notes of previous meeting with comments were agreed. | |
| 3.0 | Matters arising not picked up in later agenda items <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Escrow Like Account: All payments have now been received. | EB |
| 4.0 | Greenbelt update | |
| 4.1 | General Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Outstanding Action: MN to confirm if happy with dog signage- MN has followed up with Cllrs since the meeting for comments.- Outstanding Action: RW to update residents on the water pump in LEAP. NU confirmed hope this will be back in action and are following this up. | MN/RW |

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| 5.0 | Western Park | |
| 5.1 | <p>Container</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outstanding Action: NTC reps to provide thoughts regarding purchasing container (Background information: EB has received a quote for the container and to install the concrete base corners required. Hope to secure 75% funding from Football Foundation. EB asked the group if they would support the Open Space contribution cover the balance). Those who attended the meeting were in support of the contribution and a sensible option. | |
| 5.3 | <p>Bowls Green</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outstanding Action re. bowls gate: SS to get a quote for adding an additional maintenance gate. - Outstanding Action: L&Q & NTC members to provide their thoughts on bowls mower. Longstanton Bowls Club have also received a revised quote for the larger mower they require if they operate from Western Park - EB asked members thoughts on using the Open Space Management and Maintenance contribution for this. AWy stated it would be a chunky investment and for NTC members to give their thoughts. Update: L&Q & NTC had no objections. L&Q stated having Longstanton Bowls Club managing and maintaining the bowls green will save maintenance costs so support this. | NTC |
| 5.4 | <p>Kingfisher Pond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Life buoy has been knocked off at Kingfisher Pond. L&Q have already shared this with Greenbelt. - Outstanding action: NTC to share their thoughts on Kingfisher Pond management which can be shared with the group. | MM/PL |
| 5.5 | <p>Pitches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EB met Brookfield on site to look at the Western Park pitches and the large cracks. Waiting for a quote. EB mentioned Brookfield were waiting on fertiliser costs - A discussion was had that this should lie with Greenbelt. EB confirmed EB has been keeping Greenbelt updated and will liaise with Tom Hulme when the quote has been received. - There was a discussion whether fertiliser is required at this moment. Update Brookfield has since provided a quote for works going forward too which includes fertilisation so that clarifies that. | EB/TH |
| 5.6 | <p>Dog</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MN has been speaking with a farmer who is interested in potential offering up his land for dog walkers. - TP stated the definitive maps team would be the best person for them to speak with. TP to share contact details with EB | TP/EB |
| 7.0 | <p>L&Q update on works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working with contractor on Southern greenway/LEAP 3 &4. - Hoping to open the footpath southern greenway as soon as the grass seed as been seeded. LEAP 3 &4 to be open later in the year. | |

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| 8.0 | <p>Phase 1 Lake</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anglian Water are repairing bench which was reported as damaged, one of the slates has been broken. Anglian Water have also carried out a walk around with their contractor. There is some emergency work which needs to be completed and their contractor has been instructed and the works will be taking place quite soon. - AW signs are now up which includes the site code and emergency contact details. The name Bug Hunter Waters is also mentioned. - AW also reported a bin has been vandalised, could have just been knocked over. No other issues could be seen but if an - Bin vandalised – bin might have been knocked over and no issues - Informative signs – EB has shared some walking and cycle routes with AS and SC going to design something up and share with the group. - At the top end by the Park and Ride they has been some dumping of garden waste in the channel. Bush and hedge cuttings can cause problems with the follow. Could be a resident or a contractor. Hard to know who. Action: Group to spread awareness that this can cause problems. - Discussed horses been seen on the lake. AW can place some signage that horses are not permitted. Action: AW to share some comms with SCDC that the paths around the lakes are not bridleways and water activities are not permitted. - SS asked how do you contractors access the lake? SC stated that they required the bollard code to be provided. Action: SS to provide. - SS praised AW said the lake was looking really good and their contractor was doing a great job. | SS |
| 9.0 | <p>Hatton Road Ponds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As built plans now approved - Next steps for L&Q to consider who the land is going to be transferred to. L&Q working with County on what the B1050 cycle project would look like. - L&Q would probably like to deliver the landscaping as approved and then discuss the cycle route/transfer of land later but need to discuss this with colleagues. - LM confirmed this seems sensible route. | |
| 11.0 | Cycle and footpath connections, incl. | |
| 11.1 | - No updates from Tam. | |
| 11.0 | Community bookings | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rugby: Cambridge Rugby Club have been liaising with SCDC regarding bringing Touch Rugby to Northstowe. They are applying for a Kickstart fund. If successful they will liaise with Greenbelt re. | |

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| | permissions. Greenbelt require a risk assessment and insurance details. - ParkPlay: NTC continuing to liaise with Greenbelt re. licence agreement. | |
| 13.0 | Next meeting: Thursday 27 July | |

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