

DRAFT Notes

Northstowe Phase 1 Open Space Management & Maintenance

Steering Group Meeting

16 November 2023

Teams Meeting - Time: 10:00 am

Attendees

- (EB) Ellen Bridges – Communication and Communities (chair)
- (MS) Mihaela Stan, SCDC – Communications and Communities
- (LM) Luke Mills, Greater Cambridge Shared Planning
- (TP) Tam Parry, CCC Transport
- (AWy) Cllr Andrew Wycherley, Longstanton Parish Council
- (MM) Cllr Majdi Mgaida, Northstowe Town Council
- (RW) Robin Waddell, Greenbelt
- (NW) Niki Wagstaff, Homes England
- (AS) Adam Shaw, Anglian Water

Apologies

- (SS) Stephen Sage, L&Q Estates
- (LH) Lee Hillam, SCDC - Principal Operations Manager, Environment Operations
- (MN) Mark Nokkert, Clerk, Northstowe Town Council
- (CBS) Cllr Carla Bros Sabria, Northstowe Town Council

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

	Notes	Action
1.0	Apologies received.	
2.0	Minutes and Actions of Previous Meetings	
2.1	Notes of previous meeting with comments were agreed.	
3.0	Greenbelt update - Maintenance and Management Update	
3.1	General Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">- RW advised that complaints were received over litter bins overflowing and is looking into relocating 1-2 bins as some are not in locations where people use them.- RW informed that the team had a closer look at the grass cutting enquiry at Pioneer Park and whether this is following the approved plan. Tom and Nick seem to believe most of the area was cut as amenity and not too dissimilar to what is approved on the plan, possibly will have a meeting on site to look into this further. There are usually 2 cuts a year while regular margins are tended to within 1m from the curb. RW is not aware of many serious complaints received	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EB clarified that the initial came from grass cuttings being left behind and wondering if this was ok or was it supposed to be taken away. - RW clarified that for amenities this is meant to be left behind - RW informed that the remedial work at Western Park is moving along and is mostly done 	
3.2	<p>Bills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RW informed that bills have been sent out. There hasn't a great reaction. RW apologised as the Town Council should have been better informed so they can assist with enquiries, this didn't happen. Bills increased due to inflation, it is a projection of costs going forward - MM asked what the reason for the remedial work is and also one of the main requests is that residents would like to know what some fees are, e.g. administrative fees, a breakdown of what these are would be useful and asked if a public statement could be made by Greenbelt for all to see. - RW will take this away and check with the team. - RW clarified that remedial work is due to dry weather followed by dry frost last year, most plants survived but also lots of failures. Ground conditions dry and crack very quickly at Northstowe. During the establishment there will be gap fillings for 2-3 years. 	
4.0	Western Park	
4.1	<p>Sports Pavilion/Pitches Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Land transfer of pitches has now taken place and the licence agreement with Longstanton Bowls Club has now been signed. - Bowls Green irrigation system has been drained. Premier Turfing have completed works for the moment but due to the weather and not completing all the autumn works will return in the spring. - Finalising the lease agreement with Elite Sports but nearly there. - Once Elite Sports have the keys there will be a soft launch inviting residents to come and see the facilities with an activation event to be planned for the New Year. 	
4.2	<p>Peppercorn Drive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EB is liaising with Anthony (Homes England) to get some bollards onto the path as a temporary solution to prevent cars. 	
4.3	<p>Prentice Close Kissing Gate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AWy to report back either at the December or January meeting. 	

5.0	Kingfisher Pond	
5.1	Kingfisher Pond <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Procurement for ecological consultant 	
7.0	L&Q Update	
7.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Southern Greenway, LEAP 3 and 4 are complete and the Contractors have demobilised. Waiting for grass to establish before opening/removing fencing. EC has noticed LEAP 3 has had some flooding so will raise with SS. 	
8.0	Anglian Water	
8.1	Anglian Water Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anglian Water continuing to work on the signage. - EB advised that Homes England asked to mention that they are working with an artist to add some sculptures around the lakes in Phase 2 and asked if there was an option to have this done for Phase 1 too. - AS confirmed there wouldn't be funding for this as it is not an operational thing for Anglian Water. Happy to review any proposals but without any guarantees . 	
9.0	Homes England	
9.1	Homes England Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MM noticed there is a new planning application near lake and asked if further information is available - LM advised the application number is : 23/04052/REM - NW clarified that a new lake is also being established and some materials from there are carried to Northstowe Fields, North of Rampton Road extension of the Northern Green Road. - NW advised that there is also an issue with the traffic lights, 2 sets don't need to be functioning at the moment but they are. This will be fixed soon. 	
11.0	Community bookings - NA	
12.0	AOB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MM asked if the ramps of the bridge over the A14 are being looked at as they are quite bad - NW informed that Cllr Thompson is on the case and actively looking into it. - Homes England waiting for a RSA before they can open up the bus link road. TP to chase. 	TP
13.0	Next meeting: Thursday 14 December 2023	