

## MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE SRGMC

Held on  
FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020  
2pm in the Pavilion

Present at the meeting: Peter Bradbury (Chair); Andy Anderson; Estelle Rogers; Tony Brader; Colin Boothroyd; Vic Howell; Josie Blackburn; Chris Nichols.

PB outlined the purpose of the meeting. Owing to the onset of the Coronavirus and possible restrictions, it was necessary for essential items, specifically relating to the current projects, be discussed and decisions taken. Normal monthly business meetings will be suspended until further notice.

### A. GROUNDS DESIGN

1. A plan of the proposed layout of the play equipment was displayed. It was explained that changes to the original plan had to be made as a result of discussions with Historic England. Pathways had to be changed and some items of play equipment had to be discarded because of logistical problems with landscaping, excavations, safety surfacing and a lack of support for some aspects from Historic England.
2. This meant the removal of a slide which was going to be an integral part of the excavations and landscaping.
3. A substitute item, designed to provide a measure of challenge, was put to the meeting. This 'tower' structure incorporated a slide, ladder, ramp, scrambling ropes etc. However, it was recognised that this item, if agreed, must not unduly affect nearby properties as it had been agreed with residents from the project's outset that this would be avoided.
4. All members agreed that the tower should be adopted as a suitable substitute, but that it must be; i) positioned as far away as reasonably practicable from residential properties, and; ii) incorporate modifications designed to prevent children from overlooking houses and gardens. CN will discuss such a modification with the supplier.
5. The layout of the play equipment and access to it was agreed.
6. CN and PB were now looking at suitable fencing as this was requested at the last meeting.
7. It was suggested that access gates to the play area should not be close to residential properties. CN to comply.
8. Some items, which were envisaged in the original design plan, would now be 'shelved' for the time-being. These included the 'garden' with information boards (situated at the Church St end) and improvements to car parking.
9. Securing both Planning and HE consent is now the main focus of attention. However, a new bureaucratic requirement has been presented to us, namely an HIA (Heritage Investigation Assessment) which we've never heard of, nor had to have completed before. So this will be another lump sum to be paid. PB has made his feelings known on this requirement. CN will produce all the necessary documentation required for the above consents and submit them accordingly.
10. Following the revelation made by BDC at a recent meeting which advised of the possible withdrawal of S106 money if projects were not completed by the clawback dates, the committee supported PB in his intention to get clear assurances by BDC that this would not happen – for obvious reasons of financial liability falling on SRGMC and the Parish Council. PB to write to BDC.
11. In relation to item 10 above, BDC requested that a Schedule of Works be submitted in order to assess the probability of completion before November 2020. CN will produce.

## **B. PAVILION EXTENSION (ROOF)**

1. A meeting with the architects had taken place on 11<sup>th</sup> March in order to go through the Feasibility Report. It was agreed to pursue two options in more detail, plus the idea of a mezzanine floor at the kitchen end of the hall.
2. It was agreed that the next step will be to secure the services of a structural engineer to assess the feasibility of installing the mezzanine floor.
3. As with the recreation ground project, BDC requested that a Schedule of Works be submitted in order to assess the probability of completion before November 2020. TB to coordinate with RMJ. PB will submit this to BDC on receipt.
4. Having received guidance on the preferred options, RMJ to develop schemes in more detail.

## **C. GENERAL MATTERS**

1. PB has extensively revised the Fire Safety Policy. He will circulate this to all members in due course.
2. All Saints Primary School PTA has asked if a circus could be accommodated on the recreation ground for one day and night next year as part of its fund-raising efforts for the school. The proposed date was Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021. There was no objection to this request.

Members were thanked for their attendance. As no further meetings will take place until restrictions are lifted, all were advised to keep safe and well.