

Minutes of Open Space Development Working Party Meeting
Held on Monday 8th April 2019 at 3.00pm
At Millennium Hall and site visits to Rugby Road and Colts Close recreation grounds

Present Cllrs A. Hall, M. Hall, R. Johnson, S. Rooney, M. Nickerson
Principal Officer H. Thomasson
Estates Officer A Harrison

Apologies

Cllr Mrs M Sherwin and Cllr Mr K Lynch

Minutes

Minutes of the last working party meeting held 6th February 2019 were presented and agreed.

Rugby Road Recreation Ground

A detailed report was given by the Principal Officer and the Estates Officer based on meetings and recent correspondence with Goodman and HBBC regarding issues and concerns about the site.

Rugby Road Recreation Ground - site visit

Working party members and officers carried out a site visit to look at all areas of concern previously raised. It was noted that, due to the whole site being prone to flooding and retaining moisture/water, it would be very unlikely that the recreation ground could be used for sport pitches in the future. The overall site appeared unfinished, some areas finished to a poor standard, with the "grassed areas" having widespread debris and large pieces of rubble on or just beneath the surface. Taking all into consideration and the impact on officer's workload, it was

RECOMMENDED – Parish Council officers should not be included in any further site visits or meetings regarding the transfer of the site with an update report to be given to council in 6 months. The Parish Council would not consider becoming nominees for this site until HBBC can confirm:-

- **The site construction reflects the drawings in the approved Flood Relief Assessment**
- **The profile and raised area of the park is in accordance with the proposed levels on the approved plan.**
- **All snagging list items have been addressed to an acceptable standard.**

Colts Close Open Space

Principal Officer provided details of S106 developer contributions available for this site and gave a breakdown of amounts specified for Children's Equipped Play £28,034, Formal Open Space £12,490, and Informal Children's Play space £3,574. with new provision being delivered by no later than October 2020.

Details and results of a recent survey/consultation carried out at Hastings High School (years 7, 8 & 9), asking pupils to indicate their preferred choice for outdoor facilities at Rugby Road and Britannia Road, were presented and considered. It was agreed that these results could be transferrable as a basis for consultation on choices at the Colts Close site. Choices for the consultation would include mini-skate/bmx pump track, outdoor circular gym, zip wire and bike/scooter paths. Exact costings to deliver the suggested choices would be established at a later date.

Colts Close Open Space – Site visit

Working party members and officers carried out a site visit to look at available space, layout and type of existing play provision on the part of the site owned by the Parish Council. It was noted that the area would be overlooked by some residents, and although not in very close proximity, this should be carefully considered. A second phase of consultation should include all close surrounding residents, by an individual leaflet drop method to ensure their views are captured, together with residents who live in properties that directly contributed to the S106 funding. After some discussion it was

RECOMMENDED – Parish Office to produce and arrange an individual leaflet drop consultation (area specific) to be carried out, together with a wider consultation of village residents by means of Local Rock publication, and other methods as seen appropriate to establish as far reaching consultation as possible.

Consultation results would be reported at a future meeting of the open space development working party when available for further consideration.