

Management of Green Infrastructure Working Group

Minutes of the meeting held on 01st December 2010 in Training Room at Hemnall Street

Present: Laura MacNeill Jo Ellis Chris Neilan Abigail Oldham
Phil Hawkins

Copy to: John Preston, Planning - for information
(discussion of whether we are working group – LM to query)

<p>1. Apologies for Absence – George Haley Sue Stranders Ben Meuli Melinda Barham Robin Hellier</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of Last Meeting Minutes of last meeting, held 30th July 2010.</p>	
<p>3. Matters Arising</p> <p>3.1 Bobbingworth Tip Now on hold tractor not being bought. Maintenance is with Veolia 7 yr further agt? Under discussion re some sort of mower AO reported. Lindersfield – completed.</p>	
<p>3.2 TPO Maps – Rob – Darius Varee (JE to spk to RP) (More TPO's than when ECC had them).</p>	JE
<p>3.3 B/Hill Tree Wardens Arboretum Confusion as to arboretum boundary, this still needs to be dealt with but will await as to see what BHPC decide then redraw, the boundary line.</p>	PH/LM
<p>3.4 High Street, Epping Chris is to do spec and liaise with George for trees.</p>	CN/GH
<p>3.5 Open Space/woodland – spend done.</p>	
<p>3.6 Chigwell Row Wood – gates were reinstalled and problems had quietened down now.</p>	
<p>3.7 Roughtalleys Wood – properties Pike Way – believe its subsidence claim as GH met with insurance person. Wood has been covered by TPO. AO to forward to PH/JE copy of updated Management Plan (believe we need to have the subsidence/insurance issue to be fed in to the Plan). Application over next 5 years is going to sub planning tonight GH needs to liaise with CN/AO. Most of work will be done by volunteers or if any other contractors area. Used money already journalled to CC.</p>	GH/CN/A O
<p>3.8 Harlow Area Green Infrastructure Steering GP – CN to send copies of areas to PH and LM.</p>	CN
<p>3.9 Green Arc Steering GP – not sure of how this will continue. Will be another meeting soon. CN will get LM added to mins circulation.</p>	CN
<p>4. Drainage Issues – none at present – Bradwell Road are done (drainage paid for this).</p>	
<p>5. Biodiversity Action Plan – BDAP Steering Group – AO attend this LM queried which group doesthis feed into? Could discuss issues here, then attach to our mins and go to the Green GP. (Also a website) document expires (June 11).</p>	
<p>6. Tree Policy Document – did go to committee want it leaning more to safer greener cleaner. What do we want the doc to be? Members wanted it expanded. Local Planning – CN advised that planning are doing revised development framework, the tree doc could be the basis of this. Inc open space and street and LNRS trees.</p>	CN
<p>Could pull money from Planning. Trees in headline of doc – so for local plan CN to look at. CN volunteered to write the strategy for local plan to include the tree doc. (wasn't sure had all the evidence need a strength weakness analysis). Audits of 2009 re open space done</p>	CN

<p>by Lewin McGann. East Herts have offered to provide base data (nominal fee 2000). It was agreed that we probably have this on our own records. Timescale – intending to start but would need to set a proper timetable.</p>	
<p>7. Open Space and LNR's Update Theydon Grove – another meeting was needed we won't get any money unless its danger. SS/LS involved. Meeting is for 9th December to decide next course of action. Did some work on site with budget we've got. Ongar Campus O/Space – Section 106 the storm cell was put in by dev. EFDC are not prepared to take over land until Thames Water take over responsibility for the storm cell. 11-11 Legal spoke to Taylor Wimpey, he said he felt it would be adopted by Thames Water. Planning needs to ensure work done (once TW have taken on the STC) CN would meet on site with the dev and someone from Phil's side. Chigwell Row Wood – work being done as result of survey (Jim Curry doing work). Norton Heath – Andy Vaughan said it had been designated as Nature Res – not done. Local Wildlife site this needs management plan written. Parish Council liaison. The boundary issues have been looked at. Tim Gardiner has done the previous survey. Abigail would like him to do a further plan to satisfy the requirements 5 year plan. AO is to advise LM/JE re change in the proposed spend sheet for Countrycare from the £5K to JE. Homemead – Englands Lane – AO has this on inspection. Fence at back (check legal plan and send to AO). Also AO to liaise with GH. Open Space Society – They are creating new designation similar to SSI's –they are launching a campaign. CN will find out and forward on info. Roding Valley Update – Lake – Reed beds/storm drains the 2 reed beds filter, so they help storm drains. Now installed had funding from EA. Fishing platform also in so we trying to get an angling club on board. EA gave a list of 36 and PH wrote to these but only got 1 back saying he is interested but most want something a bit more closed off. PH thinks the angling club is now backing off. So still trying to come up with solution. BHPC – Meeting PHPC Members/one of our members and J Gilbert – re future. The only maint being done is grass cutting funded by BHPC. Grange Farm – management agt verbally agreed still need the boundaries sorted out (RP dealing with legal). Grange Farm (top area) – left hand side pavilion and playing fields under legal agt – developers money Section 106. Pavilion nearly completed playing fields not quite to standard (now under planning process). Below the house the big o/space is a wet area (flood relief) areas scrub, areas of trees these will go to Grange Farm. Trust or EWT. Road from roundabout also needs to be upgraded but may be a lot later as the lorries would cause damage. EWT still liaise with CC via AO. Section 106 Agreements – from budget there will be a point of time when some of the money will disappear as the 10 year period will expire. (Commutted sums). Perhaps planning could put in LDF for 25 years?</p>	<p>CN/PH</p> <p>AO</p> <p>JE/AO</p> <p>CN</p> <p>PH/LM</p> <p>RP</p> <p>CN</p>
<p>10. Tree Warden Scheme – AGM held a couple weeks ago. Discussed hedgerow surveys, guided walks and visits to tree nurseries. Loughton: There is a small amount of money for tree strategy for Loughton. Patricia Moxey doing this spk to Phil. Will be public consultation brief. AO to forward copies of tree warden mins of meeting, to group.</p>	<p>PH</p> <p>AO</p>
<p>11. AOB Dog Walkers (Professional) - EWT were going to put up notices regarding controlling dogs. Blunts Farm – reshaping of land completed holes filled in and piles spread. Footpaths should be usable what is outstanding is what it's going to be used for. They have come up with scheme at top end (car parking) planning application. (Dev Control Protect Trees Misc Legislation / High Hedges etc) put an agenda under planning items). Future of Countrycare – The job des. is being evaluated and adverts out in January (CCM and CCA and trainee (asst) (funded)). Budgets – Need breakdown for next years money AO will do.</p>	<p>AO</p>
<p>Next Meeting: 10:00 June 2nd 10:00 November 29th</p>	