



North Field Action Group Meetings

Date	January – March 2016	Time:	16.00
Meeting with:	North Field Action Group	Purpose :	Meeting to agree actions
Location:	Orchard Ground Pavilion and / or The Unicorn in Cublington		
Attendees:	Charles Toosey – (Chair)	Various others	



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- **Minutes from 31st January Initial Meeting**

- Pippa, Martyn, Charlie, Paul, Bob, Gary and Duncan in attendance
- Thirty people volunteered from the Survey to help the Action Group
- Need to submit initial plans to Parish Council meeting on 8th March 2016
- Charlie Toosey agreed to be Chair
- Other roles include a Secretary (Duncan Mack), Pippa Cheetham (Planning and H&S)
- Plenty of local comparable facilities to research, as well various charitable trust that would support
- All plans / permission to access land must be run past the current tenet Caroline Lightfoot
- Facility needs to be a 'woodland' feel supporting native flowers and wildlife, and facilitating leisure recreation – dog walking, exercise trails, walking paths
- The monies for the project will be held and managed by the Parish Council
- Email out to encourage volunteers to get involved
- Agreed weekly meetings at first at 1600 on Saturdays

- **Minutes from 6th February Meeting**

- Martyn, Charlie, Pippa and Liz in attendance
- Martyn to lean fund raising, Liz to speak to Catherine on alternatives for exercise equipment
- A water feature should be part of the plans
- discussion about the draft plan and items to be included
- Research similar facilities in Watermead, Ashridge and Aston Clinton
- Use of Community Service Volunteers?
- idea of 1 day a year for all village participation
- Planning Permission will cost £385 – Pippa will manage this
- Set up Friends of North Field and offer sponsorship opportunities ' Buy a Tree'
- Work with the Fete Committee
- Start to work up designs for the field for 8th March PC meet

- **Minutes from 13th February Meet**

- Duncan, Charlie, Michael and Martyn
- Draft plan sent out to all last week and reviewed in meeting
- Need to secure promoters, benefits to stakeholders, within the report to the PC, which will have a recommendation, timing and costs
- Need dog bins and thoughts on basic maintenance e.g. mowing walk paths
- Who are stakeholders?
 - villagers
 - nearby villages
 - Sports people
 - Old, Young



- Cricket Club
- Allotments / smallholders

- Need to research trees that would be suitable to plant – a mix of saplings / 6/10/12 year old trees to kick start the design. Kevin Coppin?
- List and fees for sponsorship for trees. draft list prepared
- Consider plants to support the variety of local birds
- John Law to manage the football facility, improving it using some land from the North Field
- Chris Howard will do design and drawings / surveyor
- Mark Darlington for projector to project plans

- **Minutes from 5th March 2016**

- Charlie, Pippa, Michael Reilly and Duncan Mack in attendance
- Charlie confirmed the plans had been shown to current tenant
- Charlie walked through the presentation created for the PC Meet on the 8th March; all good to go!
- This included a video from a similar project in North Martson – that project raised £120,000 in funds
- Also referenced other projects including Tiddenfoot, Wendover woods and Watermead (which demonstrates what shouldn't be done)
- Cost forecasts have been created along with funding opportunities. The mantra is that development has to be funded by fundraising, and that it must be self-sufficient with no drain on PC funds
- Following on from the surveying work from Chris Howard, Charlie will create a 3D model for the village fete.
- Initial reaction from 23 villagers shown the plan have been positive
- All terms of reference have been met, including walking through the plans with the current tenants – The Lighfoots
- The whole scheme could generate a number of planning issues, which Pippa is researching. Pippa's view is that the plan needs to be run past Aylesbury Vale to understand if there are any planning hoops that need to be gone through

