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Minutes of the Community Action Meeting held on 21st January 2021 at 7pm via video conferencing

Present: Cllr Keziah Wood (Chairman)

Cllr L Day Cllr M Holland Cllr E Lowe Cllr L Marsh Cllr D Mangion
Cllr T Taylor Cllr A Wright

Also present; Mrs Y Smith (Town Clerk) (TC)

1. Apologies

None

2. Declarations of Interest under the Localism Act 2011

None

3. Action Points from Previous Meetings

TC tabled a report.

ACTION-TC to approach ELDC for permission to house the defibrillator on the public conveniences in the Market Place

4. Highways Update

No waiting or loading restrictions had been put in place outside the Franklin Hall due to the Vaccination Programme.

5. Play Area Floor and review of the Play Area Safety Report

It was agreed that the flooring needs replacing as once the weather improves there will be more children using the play area. Cllr Wood said that it was long overdue however Cllr Mangion was concerned about the budget implications.

It was **RESOLVED** to contact the company who were chosen for the contract to ascertain if they were still working during the Covid restrictions.

ACTION- TC to research funding.

TC tabled a report of the items which had been commented on in the Play Area Safety Report.

It was **RESOLVED** to order a new seat for the junior play swing at a cost of approximately £200

It was **RESOLVED** to order two new bins for the play area

6. Town Audit Report

Cllr Holland tabled a report. He said that some shop fronts were looking poor and wondered if ELDC may help. He said that the ELDC Tourist notice boards needed looked at too. Cllr Wood said that the pavements were looking shabby and wondered if some paving could replace the existing paving. Cllr Holland said that there were trip hazards and volunteered to take photographs for reporting to LCC

ACTION- Cllr Holland to send photographs to TC for reporting on 'Fix my Street'.

Cllr Mangion said that ELDC Enforcement Team were having difficulty in enforcing items. He continued that the town was supposed to be having a deep clean in the spring.

ACTION- Cllr Mangion to contact Sam Phillips to see if money available, to contact the Conservation Officer re Old Grammar School.

ACTION-TC to send Conservation Officer information for the Old Grammar School

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Actions to be reported back at the next meeting.

7. Update on Youth Council and Youth Engagement

Cllr Holland said that he was going to contract Tony Bailey (Recreation Ground Chairman) regarding removing the wall around the hard court. He said that he had been planning to start consultation with the schools but this had been put on hold. He had considered buying the Christian Fellowship portacabin and put in next to the table tennis table on the playing fields. Cllr Wood said that she had been in touch with a person from Alford Youth Club and had suggested a visit, when it was allowed, with Cllr Holland. This was agreed.

8. Celebrations for the Town

Cllr Marsh said that some towns celebrate their famous sons and daughters and Spilsby does not celebrate Franklin enough. He suggested engaging with the shops to celebrate St George's Day (23rd April) and Franklin's birthday (16th April).

TC said that she and Cllr Marsh has discussed this and suggested perhaps starting on Franklin's Birthday and running through St George's Day with a supper of some kind in the Franklin Hall. It was decided that as Covid was still continuing that this would be something to be considered next year.

A promotional video was discussed and this was thought to be a good idea.

ACTION -Cllr Wood to contact Karl Bird to help with a short video on Spilsby

ACTION- Easter Egg Hunt to be put on next agenda (lockdown regulations permitting)

9. Review of Christmas Lights

TC tabled a report

Cllr Taylor said that the Christmas Lighting Company had left all the lights switched off and some lights have to be switched on via a ladder. He thought that the council should be starting to consider a different system as it is costing a lot. He said that the council need to look at having electrical feeds at ground level and felt that this could be done well within the budget.

Cllr Wood suggested looking for someone more local and try to get three quotes. Cllr Wright said that there had been complaints because the lights could not be switched on. He said that this does need to be sorted and get better control. He felt that volunteers should not have to be relied on and that the council should pay for this.

Cllr Taylor said that if there was a well briefed contractor and a lift could be hired for the day then it would not be difficult.

ACTION-Cllr Taylor to look for a contractor/electrician.

ACTION-TC to send out tenders of interest to local electricians

ACTION- A site meeting to be held.

ACTION-TC to ask Franklin Hall is the lights could be stored in the basement

ACTION- TC to source storage boxes for the lights.

10. Green Spaces

TC tabled a report

a. It was **RESOLVED** to purchase wild flower seed

Cllr Wood, Cllr Day and TC volunteered to spread seeds.

b. It was **RESOLVED** to remove some of the trees in the TOC H Land to reduce the canopy. A date to be made to carry out the work before the beginning of March.

Following the survey undertaken by the arboriculturist from ELDC, Cllr Wood reported that he had said that the work could be carried out by the council.

c. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Lowe and Cllr Holland carry out the Green Space Audit.

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11. Items for Next Agenda

Play area
Defibrillator
Christmas Lights
Franklin's Birthday
Green Space Audit
Youth Engagement

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.05pm