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Minutes of the Community Action Meeting held on 18th March 2021 at 7pm via video conferencing.

Present: Cllr Keziah Wood (Chairman)

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

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

12. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mangion who had a LALC Committee Meeting.

13. Declarations of Interest under the Localism Act 2011

None

14. Action Points from Previous Meetings

TC tabled a report and reported that the wild flower seeds had now arrived.

15. Highways Update

TC reported the following; -

Step in Pizza-LCC had issued an enforcement notice for the waste bins to be removed from next to Bijoux following a complaint by the owner of the property that the bins were on the public highway. I had been working with Cllr Bowkett on this for some months. It has now been resolved and the bins are on the hatched area on Market Street on the proviso that they are chained in place. The court case has now been dropped.

The TTRO for outside the Franklin Hall remains in place however the cones are only put out the day before the vaccination sessions.

16. Play Area Floor

Cllr Marsh reported that he had received a couple of quotes. With mulch under each piece of equipment the cost would be £16K plus £500 for Heras Fencing. For the whole area would cost £70K. The reason for the higher than expected expense was because of problems with mole hills and the slope of the ground. Cllr Wood asked if there was funding and Cllr Marsh said that he would contact Martin Kaye at ELDC for help.

ACTION-Cllr Marsh to contact the flooring companies and to look for funding with their help. He said that different colours could be put under different pieces of equipment.

17. Defibrillator

TC reported that permission has now been received to put the defibrillator on the public conveniences wall and that she was awaiting an answer on access for the electrician. She said that the housing has to be purchased and they cost £600 from LIVES as previously reported to the Town Council.

It was **RESOLVED** that the housing be purchased at a cost of £600 from LIVES and that the cost be taken from the Open Spaces budget.

18. Celebration of Sir John Franklin's Birthday and St George's Day and the safe opening of High Streets.

Cllr Holland had tabled a report on 'Franklin Week'.

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Cllr Marsh reported that he had researched flags and there was a company in Burgh le Marsh which would produce them. He suggested alternating St George flag with a Franklin one although perhaps a combined one. The cost would be £22 each for a Franklin one. He had ordered 6 x 6ft x 2ft banners from J&A which they were donating as long as their logo appeared on them. It was **RESOLVED** to order 25 flags at a cost of £570.

19. Christmas Lights

TC reported that she had contacted Sue Oliver, Hall Manager, to ask for storage in the basement and a verbal agreement had been received. The price for storage boxes 5 x 80ltrs would be £40 from the Plastic Storage Box company.

TC said that this may depend on early termination of contract costs.

ACTION- TC to look at termination of contract costs.

20. Green Space Audit

TC suggested waiting until the mapping system was in place and this was agreed.

21. Blue Plaque Scheme to Commemorate the birth place of famous people born in Spilsby

Cllr Wood said that Tong Engineering were willing to sponsor the first one. Prices range from £70 to £300. She said that E J Tongs have house plaques. She suggested that a scheme be started up and to see if there is any funding and said that the plaques need to be uniform. She continued that if there were only a few to buy that the better-quality ones could be bought.

ACTION- to be place on the Full Council Meeting Agenda

ACTION- TC to contact ELDC re removing the existing plaque to be refurbished by the handyman.

Cllr Holland arrived

22. Update on Youth Council and Youth Engagement

Cllr Holland report that the Recreation Ground Committee were looking into using AstroTurf. He is carrying out a consultation and asking the recreation ground and footballers to contribute questions. He is keen to get table tennis table installed and the teenage shelter.

Cllr Wood said that the high school is keen to be involved especially with the AstroTurf. Cllr Holland said that he is keen to get his part done. He asked if the Survey Monkey account could be reactivated and that he would contact Sam Phillips ELDC re match funding.

It was **RESOLVED** to reactivate the Survey Monkey Account

ACTION- Cllr Holland to contact Sam Phillips ELDC regarding funding.

23. TOC H Wildlife Area

- a. It was **RESOLVED** to purchase spindle berry, common dogwood and blackthorn at a cost of £30 from Jackson' nurseries.
- b. It was **RESOLVED** to hold a tidy up day on Saturday 17th April.
ACTION- TC to contact the Forest Club to ask to plant the trees prior to this.
- c. It was **RESOLVED** to install rustic benches make by Ray Ford.
- d. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Day investigate and implement signage and to research interpretation boards.

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24. Spinney Tidy up and flooding problems

TC said that she had visited with Cllr Holland and Cllr Lowe and there was a lot of stagnant water and the path was impassable in places. There were slabs missing on the steps at the southern end and one of the slabs was unsafe. She suggested that the southern entrance be changed so that it was a gently incline for pushchairs and mobility scooters.

It was agreed that the work needed to be carried out by a contractor. There would be a need for the slabs to be re-laid in places and the stream to be dug out.

ACTION- Cllr Lowe to contact Roger Wardle for advice on streams and ponds.

ACTION- TC to contact maintenance contractor to remove the bulk of the brambles.

ACTION- to include the Spinney tidy up with the TOC H day. Councillors to volunteer at the Full Council Meeting.

25. Items for next agenda

Updates on all items.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.05pm