

Buckden Parish Council/Village Hall Trust

Project Update 18 May

Meeting Notes

Attendees

Peter Clarke
Anne Howell-Jones
Caroline Underwood
Anita Pancholi
Matt Squires
Martin Rose
Des Foster

Key Points and Actions

- Development of the playground and the potential to add some play items to the SUDS area.
 - Invitation to tender sent out. 6 suppliers visited site. Tenders to be returned by end May.
 - Proposals will include potential options for the SUDS areas e.g. bridge, stepping stones, balance beam and 'sensory play'.
 - Agreement in principle reached to extend play area to include traversing wall and to reuse the wall materials elsewhere.
 - High fencing will be retained and extended to encompass this area.
 - Preferred solution(s) will be discussed with VHT. AHJ/MR
- Future use of the MUGA.
 - VHT proposal is to site a new storage facility (replacing old containers by the lake) on the MUGA. This will leave sufficient space for some play or sports activity.
 - Agreement reached to trial the 'pumptrack' concept at the Youth Event planned for Summer Holidays. BPC will fund the event.
 - A date for the event needs to be agreed. This is potentially problematic as both internal and external space is needed. BPC will discuss with Jo Harvey and the Club.
 - Final positioning of a pumptrack solution could be on the MUGA or grassed area where storage is currently located.
- Storage/Positioning of the containers.
 - Initial proposal being considered is for 2 metal 40 foot containers and 1 20 foot container in a horseshoe shape with a pitched roof to deter children from getting on the roof (there will be space for a third 40 foot container if required).
 - Likely siting on the MUGA. Is accessible to vehicles.
 - It may be possible for BPC to use excess space to co-locate storage and contribute to the cost. Any decision on this is dependant upon current

discussions with Silver St developer and timing may prove to be problematic. AHJ/PC to discuss with John Thelwall.

- Overall plan for recreation ground (landscaping, paths, walkways, seating etc.).
 - VHT proposing to develop detailed digital plans for the Hall and surrounding grounds to enable future planning and developments. (No useable or accurate plans exist).
- Maintenance of recreation ground.
 - BPC employ 2 part time groundsmen one of whom is to retire.
 - There is an opportunity to add additional resource to support VHT needs.
 - Discussion to be held between DF, Jo Harvey, AHJ and BPC Clerks to determine if this can work.
 - Siting of the gazebo was discussed. Likely requirement for lighting. Needs further discussion. AP/MR
- Fund raising co-ordination.
 - Full agreement that open discussion and sharing of information between BPC and VHT about funding requirements and potential sources of funds makes sense.