

Minutes of Loxley Environment Group – 26/09/17, 7.30pm

Present: Julie Fewins (chair), Dan Bake, Glynn Jones, Matthew Watson (Loxley Primary School)

Apologies: Jonathan Baker, Maria Garcia,

1. Community Walk

Feedback from walk on 16th September: Turnout low due to date; lots of people away, although several also sent apologies. However, it was enjoyed by those who attended.

Plans for next walk made – would a longer walk disengage those less able? Decided to plan one for end of October – **Sunday 12th November** pencilled in. Route - Alveston. Dan to check routes. Glynn to put on website. Flyer needs updating and use NDP mailing list. Need to gather evidence to see how well Grapevine and website work in marketing - so will place details in both.

2. Wild Flower Garden/Forest School Project

Matthew Watson and Dan Bake updated group on ideas for environmental project on the Loxley playing fields.

Onside have now surveyed the site. Some expectation of clearance by the Group but not a huge amount to do before Forest School arrive. Dan can source saplings. Onside available in Spring.

Summer - build community garden. Will need maintenance to sustain – so require volunteers for a planting group. Glynn noted it was discussed at Parish Council and issues raised by Ken Osborne and Peter Morris re deeds. The deed when the land was gifted in the 1950s required a Trust to be established for the play area and a management committee, although this should have been done many years ago and does not specifically relate to the proposal in hand.

This would need to be looked into by the Parish Council – but should not affect the proposed use which appears compatible with the deed of covenant, but would appear sensible to move forward at the same time to put everything on a proper footing and to prevent any legal challenge that potentially could be mounted.

Actions

- Glynn to look at deeds. Approval would be required via parish council and might require Trust and Management Committee to be established
 - If this is the case, consideration would then be given to establishing the Environment Group as a formal committee. Whilst incurring some cost this would have the advantage that it could apply for funding in its own right, which would be helpful given some funds the Parish Council is not eligible to apply for.
 - Feb half term, open event planned for community consultation. List of volunteers required. Plan to publicise in December via leaflet drop.
 - Forest School completed before that so what has been done so far can be shown to community
 - Flyer out to community to advertise event
- 3. Kissing Gate** – As Maria was not present, update pending from MG (at forthcoming LPC meeting on the 24/10/17).

Meeting closed 9pm, Julie Fewins