

FOUR MARKS PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Facilities Committee
Held on Wednesday 16th October 2024, commencing at 6.00pm
At Four Marks Village Hall, Uplands Lane, Four Marks**

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Chairman Cllr McAllister, Cllrs R Pullen, M Pullen.
IN ATTENDANCE:	Jo Tsigarides, Clerk
ABSENT:	Cllr Medhurst.

24.27 CF APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received by Councillor Medhurst (personal) and duly accepted by the Committee.

24.28 CF OPEN SESSION – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

With no items raised, the Open Session ended at 6.02pm. Standing Orders were applied.

24.29 CF DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations of interest.

24.30 CF COMMITTEE MINUTES

On the proposal of Cllr M Pullen, which was seconded by Cllr R Pullen and with all Councillors in agreement, it was **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Community Facilities Committee meeting held on 17th September 2024 as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting.

24.31 CF COMMITTEE UPDATES

24.31.1 To receive Chairman update and information on funding.

Cllr McAllister provided an update where he explained that an investigation into the Public Works Loan was underway, in terms of whether it was site specific and still available. There had also been some information circulated to the Committee regarding the secured CIL funding where the Council had been presented with three options, the third being to determine and produce a deliverable project by February 2024 in order to apply for a reallocation of the CIL.

The architect had used the information from the previous application and overlaid surveys to determine some of the site constraints around the football pitch. The area that had been identified could be suitable for a future building and the Council would discuss releasing this from the Fields In Trust Covenant along with the current Scout Hut site and Cemetery later that evening.

The overspend on legal and professional fees was considered as the Fields In trust exercise would be costly, but the current situation was discussed in that land for a future building could be secured, that the Scouts have ongoing three monthly penalty costs due to operating without a lease, that they are at threat of being disbanded and that the Cemetery also did not have the relevant permission. The Clerk noted that correspondence from the previous Clerk in 2010 did alert Fields in Trust to the Cemetery and Scout Hut which was in existence of the time and so the organisation had already had notice of those two areas.

As part of the architect advice, it had been suggested that the children's play area should be relocated to the Jubilee Green to free up room for car parking for any future buildings. The Clerk advised that the green had been transferred to the Council and that the ransom strip, boundaries and any limitations would be investigated.

Cllr R Pullen noted that the putting green would need to be accommodated elsewhere, which would be a possibility, but that it was key to communicate with the group in advance.

A topographic survey had taken place on the Jubilee Green to ascertain the suitability for relocating the children's play area and a structural survey on Benians building was being organised to investigate into expansion possibilities. The Clerk was trying to obtain the original plans for the building and a trial pit area would need to be dug as part of the exercise.

24.31.2 CF To receive an update on working party meetings

The Clerk had put some notes into the file summarising the working party meetings that had taken place on the 9th October 2024. Members of EHDC Community Development had attended along with Councillors and interested parties.

Mark Hughes had been agreed as the lead for the Scout hut project and some time had been spent reviewing the site. The Benians project had been discussed at the later meeting with Cllr Briggs being agreed as the project lead.

24.31.3 CF Update on any further meetings with NGBs

A meeting had been held on the 10th October 2024 with a representative from the FA and cricket representative which was attended by Cllr M Pullen, who summarised the meeting. A further meeting was planned for the 23rd October 2024 but this was primarily to discuss pitch improvements and funding opportunities.

Virtual meetings were being planned with the LTA and Archery Governing bodies which would be attended by Cllrs McAllister and R Pullen. It was also recommended that representatives visit Headley village hall along with some other similar projects to find out facts and information. Cllr McAllister offered to attend these meetings.

24.32 CF FOR CONSIDERATION

24.32.1 To consider recommendation to the Full Council regarding the priority project

Due to the Scouts being under threat of not being able to operate past November 2024, it was agreed that the Fields in Trust exercise must be given priority along with the Benians building project which was discussed and considered the project where a deliverable plan could be expedited.

On the proposal of Cllr McAllister, which was seconded by Cllr R Pullen, and with all Councillors in agreement, it was **RESOLVED** to prioritise the release of land by Fields in Trust, with the Benians project being prioritised overall as the primary project.

On the proposal of Cllr McAllister, which was seconded by Cllr Pullen and with all in agreement, it was agreed to move Agenda item 6.2 into a closed session.

24.33 CF MEETING CLOSED AT 6.45pm

24.34 CF To review resource dedicated to the project

The Clerk had advised that a resident had indicated that they would be interested in being involved in the Benians project and possibly acting as project lead, having had experience in the field. A meeting had been held that day with the person in question and it was agreed that Councillors would meet with them on the 21st October 2024 to discuss the project in detail. If appropriate, a working party meeting would be held in order to appoint them as project/working party lead.

24.35 CF Next Meeting: TBC