

**Weedon Bec Parish Council Working Group -  
Status Report 26 August 2013**



**Weedon Parish Council Working Group:**

WSA still await a date from WBPC for a joint meeting – this has now been outstanding for two months.

**DDC Pre-Planning:**

WSA Architect is now awaiting response from Planning Officer following a letter submitted to request clarification on items in a previous letter from DDC. Also to request confirmation from the Planning Officer on the documents/reports that are required as part of the planning application to avoid any ambiguity.

**Lease**

Lease proposal, drawings and supporting information is at a point where first discussions can take place with WBPCWG. As highlighted in July report, this would be most beneficial to walk through the information with WBPCWG when the group is in a position to meet. .

**Planning Application preparations**

Noise report to be produced - a specialist consultant has been approached, information regarding requirements for noise report shared and WSA await a quotation. (No pro-bono specialist is available for this skill set)

Planning and Heritage Statement to be prepared - A meeting to be confirmed to discuss the scheme to provide background information to enable the report to be produced. .

Play equipment report - a review of options as to where the equipment could be re-sited thus enabling it to be in use during the build phase and thus only moved once. Report awaits updating with the findings. As mentioned in July report, it would be useful to have some feedback/help from WBPCWG given the equipment belongs to Parish Council.

Roofing material – meeting held with Kingspan roofing specialist, scheme drawings shared and awaiting help for design for roof materials and samples.

Street scene montage – WSA has engaged provider following a negotiated slightly reduced rate to produce this key item to support the application.

WSA are investigating use of borehole supply for water provision - quotations and information received,. (would provide water for free up to 200000 litres per day free – investment is at installation time)

Soil samples required for WAC analysis to determine characteristics of soils in build area. WBPC to be advised of intended survey date.

Flood Risk Report - amendments included based on EA feedback – awaits a final review.

Design and Access statement 99% complete - awaits a final review.

Final scheme drawings 99% complete for planning submission – awaits a final review..

Drainage outfall from manhole to be investigated by CCTV – may impact rainwater soak away (and thus services required) – awaiting date to be confirmed. Will inform WBPC when this is planned in advance.

Timeline for completion to submit for planning still difficult to nail down given we are heavily reliant on volunteer professional service time and availability. WSA are hoping that end of September 2013 can be reached.

### **District and County Councillor Meetings**

WSA met with Cllr Robin Brown on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2013 to provide a background to and an update of the scheme progress to date. Cllr Brown was very impressed the project and in his Cabinet role of Health and Wellbeing, he can see what benefits this project could deliver for the village and to help people to be more active and social.

He has stated that he is prepared to help in any way he can, has asked for regular updates and has indicated that he is prepared to support financially from Empowering Councillors.

Cllr Perry has carried out investigation with regard to Planning Fees and what options are available. He has spoken with Simon Bovey and some other Councillors. He ( Simon Bovey) has highlighted that many other Parish Councils have supported such initiatives in respect of planning submission in order to attract the discount. Email and letter to follow for WBPC consideration..

### **WSA Fundraising**

WSA have been accepted by the Jackson Grundy Community Initiative scheme. WSA representatives have met with JG Head Office to discuss the scheme and WSA to provide further information, photos and scheme details to be included into JG paperwork.

WSA ran BBQ at Legends Day and will receive a share of funds from this event

Donation received from Kath at The Plume – quiz winnings of £62.50

Quiz nights will resume after summer break

Live Band music night to be arranged (postponed from October due to close proximity to Village Hall 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

Joint fundraiser will take place with WBFC in the Autumn A “Race Night” will be held at Weedon Village Hall

400 Club continues to bring in a regular income

Applications have been entered to Argos / Homebase for minimal funding aspects

As previously highlighted, fundraising will ramp up once planning approval is attained.

### **Grants**

WSA are in consultation with the Football Foundation regarding grant opportunities. This is a slow process. Attaining planning approval will make a significant improvement to the priority placed on funding for Weedon.

Application to be made to WBPC for a grant from Councillor Brown via Empowering Councillors fund

Grant funding opportunities are monitored regularly. This process will ramp up once planning approval attained.

### **Business Plan:**

Revision to business plan expected after feedback from both Land Surveyor and Solicitor – this will be revisited when our volunteer has time available due to work and family commitments taking higher priority

Business Plan is not a requirement for planning submission however WSA recognise that WBPC are very keen to see this. WSA are seeking an alternative volunteer to move this plan forward.

### **Communication:**

WSA committee members talk regularly with residents of the village to appraise of progress

WSA website is maintained to provide progress reports when relevant

WSA will utilise the Gusher to provide mini updates in the Weedon News

WSA will provide a summary report at appropriate juncture that can be included into Village Newsletter

WSA have instigated attendance at WBPC meetings

Chris Heaton-Harris MP, Cllr Alan Hills, Cllr Kevin Perry, Cllr Ian Duly, Cllr Eddie Reeves are appraised with updates regarding project. Cllr Robin Brown will also be included on this circulation.

Daventry Express asked if they could do an article on the Scheme proposals. WSA have suggested this is put on hold until the Planning Application is submitted - to notify them when ready

### **Preparations for Village Show displays**

WSA plan to display the progress made on scheme, scheme details and to be on hand to discuss with Residents.

Revised Information leaflet has been produced for issue

Plan drawings to be prepared for display (display board has been removed / lost from Village Hall container so adopting a Plan B)