

**Weedon Bec Parish Council Working Group -  
Status Report 29 October 2013**



**Weedon Parish Council / Working Group:**

WSA have received letter from Full Council dated 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013 that contains various requests for information based on whatever had been discussed at the Parish Council meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> October.

Meeting with WBPC working group still required

**DDC Pre-Planning:**

WSA Architect has finally received a response from Planning Officer following a letter submitted to request clarification on items in a previous letter from DDC. The response was brief and did not confirm the documents/reports that are required as part of the planning application as requested.

It also included the National and Local Planning Application submission policy revised July 2013 (during the Pre-planning consultation period) and from this minimal response it was gleaned that there 'may be' more reports required. In light of no actual confirmation, WSA have translated 'may be' as a required report therefore we now have to produce:

- Impact Assessment
- Land Contamination Assessment
- Statement of Community Involvement
- Tree Survey/Arboricultural Implications
- Waste Audit

**Lease**

No further progress required on lease at this point.

Land agent is still available to talk to the Parish Council at any point regarding this matter

Solicitors holding WSA funds of £600 to address search fees

**Planning Application preparations**

WSA / WAA Planning meeting held – 2 hours – to determine action plan to address the additional planning reports now required. It also provided the opportunity to review status of the remaining work required and WSA have assigned their own timescales and volunteers.

Noise report to be produced - a specialist consultant has been approached, information regarding requirements for noise report shared and WSA have quotations. (No pro-bono specialist is available for this skill set). Quotation received for £1700 + VAT. Now seeking an alternative option. Alternative option is £1600 + VAT so under negotiations to try and reduce this fee.

Planning and Heritage Statement to be prepared. Design and Access statement is a pre requisite for meeting and this will taken to a final state in next couple of weeks

Play equipment report - Report for resiting of equipment / options to be updated. Work planned for November

Roofing material – RAL colour and sample to be provided to WAA

Street scene montage – WSA has engaged provider following a negotiated slightly reduced rate to produce this key item to support the application. Information to be sent next month as several items will be finalised on which the montage was dependant.

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.. Date for soil analysis sample and percolation test is being arranged for November. This will also determine scope for use of soak away. WBPC to be advised of intended survey date.

Flood Risk Report - amendments included based on EA feedback – awaits a final review. New flood information released must now be included into FRA.

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

Final scheme drawings 99% complete for planning submission – awaits a final review.. Some minor changes now identified due to roof material, soak away and other minor changes.

### **WSA Fundraising**

400 Club continues to bring in a regular income and a several more new members have signed up

Race night in conjunction with WBFC planned for 23/11/2013

Next quiz night will be in to New Year due to availability of volunteers

Tribute Night planned for Spring 2014

WSA seeking further advice regarding VAT exemption for project

### **Grants**

WSA are in consultation with the Football Foundation regarding grant opportunities.

New Sport England £102 million funding stream announced to feed directly into improving grassroots football facilities (includes new builds)

<http://www.sportengland.org/media-centre/news/2013/october/25/new-fund-provides-%C2%A3102-million-boost-for-grassroots-football-facilities/>

Monitoring of funding availability continues

Fete Committee close down donation of £600 received and ring fenced for Community Build Project

**Business Plan:**

WSA have made a committee decision to not progress BP further at this stage because the focus is towards the preparation of the Planning application.

WSA are seeking an alternative volunteer to move this plan forward and if this is not fruitful, the investment required (in excess of £1500 for a professional) is not valid at this time.

No planning approval = no business plan + no lease required

**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