

**Weedon Bec Parish Council Working Group -
Status Report 23 September 2013**



Weedon Parish Council Working Group:

WSA have received letter from Full Council requesting WSA attendance at a special meeting on 15th October 2013. Unfortunately, due to holidays of key WSA personnel, this date will not be suitable and WSA will request some alternative dates to be provided by Parish Council.

DDC Pre-Planning:

WSA Architect is still 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. Still awaiting response from DDC from letter submitted in August.

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 WBPC Work group is in a position to meet. See first topic ref: meeting date not being suitable

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). Quotation received for £1700. Now seeking an alternative option.

Planning and Heritage Statement to be prepared - meeting date still TBD. Design and Access statement is a pre requisite for meeting

Play equipment report - Report for resiting of equipment / options to be updated. Delayed as Architect on holidays in September.

Roofing material and solar panels – quotation received from Kingspan for consideration along with specifications

Street scene montage – WSA has engaged provider following a negotiated slightly reduced rate to produce this key item to support the application. This was on hold until roof material / solar panels investigations completed

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. Delayed due to Architect holidays

Flood Risk Report - amendments included based on EA feedback – awaits a final review. Delayed due to Architect holidays

Design and Access statement 99% complete - awaits a final review. Delayed due to Architect holidays

Final scheme drawings 99% complete for planning submission – awaits a final review.. Delayed due to Architect holidays

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. Still awaiting date from contractor

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 reported that they were hoping to reach a ready application by end September 2013. Due to holidays and additional requirements/reports requested by DDC, we are now delayed.

WSA Fundraising

WSA attended Village Show where the drawings were on show. Quite a lot of interest and a new WSA 400 Club member signed up.

Quiz nights will resume after summer break – dates currently being considered

Live Band music night to be arranged (postponed from October due to close proximity to Village Hall 50th 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, Promotion of the Community Building project at the Riiverside Senior Citizens Coffee morning and the 400 Club draw carried out at that time, resulted in 5 new 400 club members from that event.

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 has been made to WBPC for a grant from Councillor Brown via Empowering Councillors fund. WSA have received notification from Parish Council that they support the project and will inform Cllr Brown to that effect in respect of Empowering Councillors funding of £1000. No match funding from Parish Council in respect of Empowering Councillors.

WSA will make a direct application for funding to WBPC as we are advised that they will consider individual application for funding

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

WSA have been accepted by Jackson Grundy to be a part of their CIS fund raising

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

WSA display at Village Show to provide details on the progress made on scheme, scheme details and to be on hand to discuss with Residents. Revised Information leaflet has been produced for issue