

Great Witchingham Park Working Party

Group Members

Chairman: Gemma Bobbin

Member: Jasmin Hague

Carley Browne

Paul Williamson

Working Party Update – 06/03/2019

Current Position

1. Park consultation held 25th August 2018.
3 shortlisted park companies (Action Play & Leisure, NFG, Fenland Leisure) attended park consultation, along with information from an additional 1 company (Kompan) to answer residents' questions.

Residents completed feedback forms. Feedback collated and discussed by park working party. Action Play & Leisure was the consultation preferred scheme.

2. Action Play & Leisure costs received. Park price: £53,802 excluding VAT
Play & Leisure contacted and confirmed would try their best to guarantee price however depending on outcome of Brexit unable to confirm if equipment price will increase.

3. GWFAC approached for funding towards park cost.
Offer made of an initial £5000 and £1000 for every £1000 raised from the community (up to a maximum of £5000.

Working party recommended acceptance, subject to the terms listed within the GWFAC letter.

Parish Council meeting 24 January 2019 resolved to accept.

Awaiting confirmation from Clerk that this has now been accepted and whether any response has been received from GWFAC.

4. Community fund raising to date:
 - a. Raffle - £190
 - b. Auction (run through Bridge Inn) - £164
 - c. Quiz Night (run through Bridge Inn) - £50
 - d. Donation Phil @ Bridge Inn - £100
 - e. Donation Richard Wells - £20
 - f. Donation Cornfield Scaffolding - £20
 - g. Donation Anonymous - £10Total Received: £554
 - h. Church Community Group - £75 (**Fund to be provided**)

5. Applied for Tesco Bag for Life Charity – Maximum £4000 grant if accepted.

Funding granted – We are currently in the bag for life scheme at the Tesco Drayton Supermarket on Fakenham Road (The big tesco, rather than next to silver fox). Tokens are being collected until 30th April, and thereafter we will be advised of what funding we will be provided with. Article to be provided to PC for adding to GWPC website and request made to include such in Wensum Diary.

6. Applied for Biffa Funding – Application declined. Not eligible
7. £100 Donation received from GWPC as a result of the church concert held in December. It is subject to return should the playground not go ahead for any reason within the next two years from date of cheque (29/1/19).

8. Cllr Jacqueline Tinkler appointed as parish council member of working party at PC meeting 24 January following Jane Wisbey resignation from Parish Council. However Jacqueline has since resigned from the PC but has offered to support the working party.

Still require a council member to assist with working party. – Council please advise.

Next Steps

1. Recommend parish council accept GWFAC funding as per the above notes.
2. Recommend appointment of Jacqueline Tinkler as a member of the working party
3. Receive confirmation from parish council as to which member has been appointed to the working party
4. Prepare article for PC website & Wensum Diary
5. Next event Great Witchingham Village Hall Quiz 5th April – Shared Profit.

Estimated funding - £240

6. Apply for charity funding to the following charities (Breakdown of these attached).
 - a. R C Snellings
 - b. National Lottery
 - c. Geoffrey Watling Charity
 - d. Norfolk Community Fund
 - e. Asda Community Grant

Council have previously confirmed Jacqueline Tinkler will assist with these.

We request a meet with Jacqueline to discuss our approach to the charity funding's and next steps. **This will be the main source of funding for the playground and as such we wish to move forward with this as soon as possible, however as this is not an area any of has experience with we require some guidance**

7. Consider local companies for park sponsorship and put together plan and documents to start contacting.
8. Put together a fund-raising plan for 2019 together to present at next parish council meeting. To include fund raising ideas, funding expectations (to allow tracking of funding received against estimations) and to allow us to keep a track of progress.
9. Park working party open to new members, to enhance fund raising abilities.

Working party meeting Friday 8th March to discuss alternative means of fund raising, and details will be provided at next council meeting.

Write up completed by Jasmin Hague.