

Great Witchingham Park Working Party

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Working Party Update – 11/11/2019

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.

Funding accepted

4. Community fund raising to date:

Local community raffle and Auction	£	354.00
Quiz Night	£	50.00
Local Donation	£	100.00
Local Donation	£	20.00
Cornfield Scaffolding Donation	£	20.00
Local Donation	£	10.00
Church Community Group Donation	£	100.00
Village Hall Quiz Night	£	200.00
Community Fete - Local Donations	£	1,160.00
Community Norfolk Day - Local Donations	£	215.00
LadyBirds Donation	£	20.00
Donation for Sundown Festival Tickets (Donated by McDonalds)	£	80.00
Great Witchingham Fuel Allotment Charity	£	5,000.00
Tesco Bag for Life	£	2,000.00
Paul Charity Bike Ride	£	322.55
Queen of Hearts Raffle Donation	£	150.12
Total	£	9,801.67

5. Applied for Tesco Bag for Life Charity – Maximum £4000 grant if accepted.
Grant of £2000 received.
6. Applied for Biffa Funding – Application declined. Not eligible.
7. Community quiz night completed. £200 raised.
8. Working Party contacted by David Beaumont to inform of discussion with Paul Rogers in relation to groundwork's for playground. Further details to be discussed when meeting with councillors.
9. Lotto Community Funding Application Complete. Asking for funds of £8,770. Outcome received that re application is required as estimated completion date to far in advance (April 2020). Application to be resubmitted 6 months prior.
10. Geoffrey Watling Charity Application Complete. Asking for donation of £20,000. Application complete and confirmed. Awaiting outcome from their next trust meeting in December.
11. Application submitted to R C Snelling Charity. Asking for donation of £10,000. Application confirmed however unsuccessful. Donation granted to organisations rather than for equipment.
12. Victoria Housing application submitted, however unsuccessful.

Next Steps

1. Apply for charity funding to the following charities (Breakdown of these attached).
 - a. R C Snellings – Complete – Rejected
 - b. National Lottery – Complete, resubmission required.
 - c. Geoffrey Watling Charity – Complete – Awaiting outcome
 - d. Norfolk Community Fund – Funding application from Victory Housing - Rejected
 - e. Calor Funding Grant – Not eligible

- f. Big Lotto Funding – Application to be started.
2. Local companies being contacted for donations towards park and fund raising events, i.e. fete. No donations to park funds at this stage, however donations received in form of prizes for raffle. Submission of letter to local businesses to be finalised by Jasmin Hague once last charity funding application complete.
3. 2 meetings held with PC Sandie, and working party group to finalise fund raising plans and events within the community.
4. Fund raising events scheduled within local community to raise money for play area:
- a. Norfolk Day Afternoon Tea – Sat 27th July – Complete

Great success for Norfolk Day held at village hall. Hall kindly provided free of charge by Village Hall Committee. Cakes made by residents, sold alongside teas and coffee along with a raffle.

Total Raised - £214
 - b. Village Fete – Sat 17th August – Complete

Great success for 1st village fete. Lots of residents and the wider community visited. Great atmosphere and support by the community. Hall kindly provided free of charge by Village Hall Committee, along with a donation by the Hall Committee to cover the cost for the Bouncy Castle and printed raffle tickets. All support by Hall Committee much appreciated as made whole fete process much easier. Items donated by local businesses for large raffle, which was held at hall. Prizes included remote control car, attraction tickets, wines and much more.

Total Raised - £1,160
 - c. Table Top Car Boot – Sunday 15th September – Postponed due to lack of interest. To be reconsidered for new year.
 - d. Big Breakfast – Date to be confirmed
 - e. Queen of Hearts – Raffle - £150.12 raised for playground fund.

The working party group would like to thank everyone who attended the Queen of Hearts and donated, along with all the owners and staff who held the event. All donations are much appreciated.
5. The Working Party Group aim to meet in the new year to discuss further charity applications and community fund-raising events. Updates to follow.

Write up completed by Jasmin Hague.