

**MINUTES (8) - IMPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL ARBURY CAMP PLANNING SUB
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 17th OCTOBER 2006 7.30 p.m. at The Parish Office,
New Road, Impington**

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Present: Cllrs D Payne (Chairman), Nudds, Withers, Abdullah Clerk: Mrs A J Young

1 Election of Chairman

Cllr Payne elected as chairman for the meeting.

2 Members' Declarations of Interest

None

3 Minutes of meeting 19 September and 10 October 2006

Minutes had been accepted at Full Council 16 October, and all agreed to sign

4 Matters Arising

19 September S/1248/06/RM George Wimpey East Anglia, land parcel C1 – erection of 50 houses, 18 flats, garages and works – minor amendments. Following receipt of planning application, No Recommendation made, although request to go to Planning Committee if in breach of Master Plan, for information only

10 October No matters arising

5 New Planning Applications

S/1803/06/RM JJ Gallagher Ltd, Lands Improvement Holdings Ltd, Kings Hedges Investment Limited and Cambridge City Council – POS 1,3,4,5 & 6 Arbury Camp, Kings Hedges Road – creation of 6 Public Open Spaces, Construction of Banks and Ditches and Erection of Community Centre, Changing Facilities, Maintenance Store, Youth Shelter and Cycle Store. Taken in order: POS1 – Cllr Withers reported

- recycling centre barely accessible, and next to recreation areas
- more cycle shelters required
- floodlit areas had been an expectation
- seating same edge spec as round boundary of skatepark – not a good idea
- noise pollution and light pollution issues – overall policy required
- Logo unclear
- Slope/fence hazard issues here, not just round school
- Idea for MUGA – cricket net
- Longevity of some art as shown
- All drawings should have proper keys
- Dog bins or No Dogs Allowed signs required

An amendment had been received showing detail of youth shelter and cycle stores. Committee did not like the cycle store design (“wheel benders”) and would request hoops. The simplicity of the original youth shelter preferred, and the benefit of the more complex design should be questioned

POS3 – Cllr Abdullah reported

- Plans were not very good
- Basic items such as litter and dog bins and lights (low level) missing, more seating required
- Maintenance programme required
- Beech hedge would overgrow quickly
- Is it fit for purpose?

POS4 – Cllr Nudds reported

- Nothing had changed since the Committee had seen the plans
- Bin store had screen one end only
- Good equipment detail – no detail of gates or fence
- Good mix of seats, bins sparse
- No protection shown round trees
- Plaza area required seating (and name)
- Drawing keys largely irrelevant
- Sensory garden a little limited
- Several mounded areas

Committee discussed drainage system and fact that levels are not shown

POS5 – Cllr G Payne reported by email

- Design of hard landscaping is quite complex architecturally, including many different surfaces and components such as: wood slat benches, granite tables, galvanised steel luminaires and litter bins, weld-mesh fencing etc.
- The initial cost of construction likely to be relatively high
- Cost of the play equipment also likely to be high.
- The 'soft' landscaping is also complex involving changes in levels (including more mounds and ditches), and numerous areas containing different mixes of grass, wild flowers, shrubs, hedgerows and ground cover. The design will probably be quite maintenance heavy, if the different areas are to be kept discrete and well defined.
- There should be a risk assessment carried out with regard to the hazards and potential for injury to small children (especially on bicycles/tricycles) presented by slopes of up to 1:4 leading down into ditches and onto tarmac pedestrian foot paths
- Chief concern is cost of maintenance of the area which, given the complexity of the design, is likely to be relatively high for this type of open space facility. Details of the maintenance requirements for the play equipment (including rough order annual costs for safety checks and replacement of parts) should also be provided before agree to design.

POS6 – Cllr D Payne reported

- Affordable housing area, no gardens or small gardens
- Granite slab seating at risk of skateboarding use
- Lack of litter bins
- Fit for purpose?

POS7 – Cllr D Payne reported

- Simple design, acceptable

Agreed Cllr D Payne and Clerk to meet SCDC and feedback these comments. Particular need to understand levels where not good cross sections shown; maintenance schedules required as a condition; Green roof issues; Logo concerns (consistency and continuity). 3 Councillors agreed were not unhappy with the mound at 1m + (1 abstention). Query why POS 2 not included in application. Request for consideration of water fountain and drinking fountain on site

6. Refusals and Acceptances for Arbury Park notified by SCDC

S/1217/06/RM Willmott Dixon Housing, land parcel K2 Arbury Park, Kings Hedges Road – details of reserved matters for siting and design of buildings and layout of site, access detail **Refusal**

7. Community Centre and Changing Facilities – up-date

Paul Drew had responded to Council's comments stating impacts on the S106 and Sport England requirements would need to be considered

8. Meeting with Cllr Louise Downham 4 October 2006

Cllr D Payne had reported to Full Council

9. Street Naming – New Suggestion

The name of the late Ben Koralek had been suggested (due to his involvement with the public art scheme at Arbury Park). Committee agreed to consider use of the name when looking at play areas, etc

10. Primary School – Name Suggestions and Other Issues

Parish Council had been consulted on name choice at rather short notice. Following consultation with the Village Society, 2 names had been put forward for the process – Icenii and Mereway.

11. Process for Response on 1803/06

Following exchange of emails, meeting arranged for Monday 23 October at Parish Office, with John Pym, Jane Thompson and Wayne Campbell. Cllr D Payne and Clerk to meet. SCDC required response on application by mid-November

12. Any Other Reports and Correspondence – Arbury Park

Moonbeams Pre-School again asked about progress with their request to hold their sessions at Arbury Park. Clerk and Chairman to draft response regarding progress with planning applications for community centre and for school

Noise Cllr Nudds reported concern amongst residents of increased noise since erection of barrier. This to be requested in writing. Planting along A14 and lake discussed
Meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.