MEETING OF THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING PHASE II COMMITTEE

Thursday 2nd May 2024 at 1:00pm
The Main Hall, Old School Building, Main Street, Burton Joyce

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Cllrs L King (Chair) Y Greenfield (Vice Chair) and H Chadbourne-Doyle
In attendance: J Sherrin (Clerk) D List (Grounds & Amenities Manager) and C Helmore

24/0176 **Apologies for absence** Cllrs J Johnson and G Hadjigeorgiou and J Major and H Metcalf

24/0177 **Council members' declaration of interests for items on the agenda -** None

24/0178 **Minutes from previous meeting, March 4th 2024** – approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

24/0179 **Community Garden Consultation**

Noted that the feedback affirms the design suggestions and proposals for the garden. Consultation results reviewed and specification for designers agreed:

Canopy
8.5 x 8.5 Polycarbonate, curved roof structure most favoured by all. Noted other suppliers have similar structures which are less expensive but a similar design. Quotes to be sought for both a curved and a sloping roof in case there is a significant difference in cost. Consider guttering / soak-away for drainage. To minimise the number of posts required to aid viewing of performances.

Paths
Resin-bound gravel in buff colour was most popular. Design to be as per masterplan and edging to be included. To also Include re-surfacing plinth in same material and colour in costings. To also seek quote to have same material in contrasting / complimentary colour in front area of building to brighten it and make more appealing.

Benches and Planters
Conclusion from consultation – a mix of styles of wooden benches, both curved and straight, some with planters, some with backs, some without, some with arms. Wooden bench around tree to be included. Planters to contain low maintenance plants, so water reservoirs not necessary. Wheelchair accessible benches to be included.

Interpretation Boards / Education
Rubbing posts with theme (e.g. nature) to be included
Wall-mounted interpretation signs were liked. Info to include a map of the village, history of Burton Joyce and event information.

Interactive educational items to be included e.g. wooden connect 4 / noughts and crosses / wildlife identification. Hop-scotch to be included (possibly painted).
Way Marker / Sign Post for Parish Council facilities (playground, the Grove, Poplars…) public facilities (train station, library, village hall, church) and other local amenities.

Lighting
Groundworks for lighting need to be planned into design. A balanced lighting plan required. Suggested uplighter in tree in the middle. Low voltage festoon / fairy lighting within the canopy. Possibly festoon lighting around garden. Floodlight on corned of building (for event set up and clearance).

Planting Options
Flower beds located in front of benches to be removed – keep behind – natural desire lines. Extend the hedge along the back fence to complete it, with mix of shrubs. Bee friendly planting most popular. Ascertain whether bluebells / snowdrops and daffodil bulbs will be retained.

Gate / Fence / Hedge
Not to be included for now. Plan to mend pedestrian gate so it can be closed. Could add gate / barrier between Carnarvon Room and Store Shed to keep area enclosed for playgroup / organised children's activities.

Missing Features to be Included
Pergolas / Arches
Bins – near pedestrian gate and plinth
Water feature – possibly in existing brick flower bed

C Helmore and D List left at 2:35pm

24/0180 Additional Funding

FCC (previously WREN) – J Sherrin has made contact with funds manager and clarified that a new application for £100k can be made. To action in June.
NCC Local Communities Fund – £20k Capital Programme. Closes 24th May. To action next week.
GBC Towns Fund - £5k J Sherrin noted advice was to apply for capital purchases e.g. benches and bins to encourage retail rather than one-off events. Closing date 30th June. To action in June.
Severn Trent Water – Variety of grants available. Also to consider crowd funding.
Noted that Women's Institute and Open Gardens funds are in Community Garden Reserve to fund items once design finalised.

24/0181 Information Update – No further information

24/0182 Date of Next Meeting – Working group meeting with designers 2pm 8th May 2024.

Signed:_____ **Date:_____**
Chair of OSB Phase II Committee