

Minutes of a meeting of the Crowborough Neighbourhood Plan **Community Facilities Group** held in the Town Hall, The Broadway, Crowborough on Wednesday 19th August 2015 at 7.30pm

Present:

Graham Callard
 Mike Cooke
 Peter Ellefsen
 Tony Fullwood – Planning Consultant
 Caroline Miles – Crowborough Town Council

Apologies:

Andrew Steen
 Craig Murrell
 Jo Stonebrook
 Francis Davis

Topics and Decisions	Action
<p>1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting The minutes of the previous meeting on 24th June 2015 were agreed.</p>	
<p>2. Matters arising There were no matters arising.</p>	
<p>3. Capacity of GP Surgeries Mike Cooke met with the practice managers of both Saxonbury House and The Brook Health Centre. Both managers stated that they could cope with a reasonable increase of patients in Crowborough and that they had no plans to extend the premises. Graham Collard will be contacting the Beacon Surgery within the week. It was agreed by the group to include in the report that 300 new houses in Crowborough would result in 1200 new patients and that those new patients could be shared between the three practices; Saxonbury House, the Brook Health Centre and the Beacon Surgery.</p>	<p>Graham Collard to contact the Beacon Surgery and report to Mike Cooke.</p> <p>Mike Cooke to update the report on GP's Surgeries.</p>
<p>4. Capacity of Crowborough Hospital The chairperson of the Friends of Crowborough Hospital has stated that there is spare capacity at the hospital; however talks will be taking place with the new health authority and it was agreed by the group that an update would be required as to the outcome.</p>	<p>Mike Cooke to update the group.</p>
<p>5. Capacity of Communal Halls Mike Cooke produced a table of local community halls together with their provision and capacity. It was agreed to add Crowborough Rugby Club to the list as the club rents out a function room to the general public. Tony Fullwood noted that all the community halls seem to be well used and that the group has shown justification to retain them as a social resource. It was noted that the Neighbourhood Plan can contain a policy to retain existing community halls and that there is an opportunity to factor in provision for small organisations to develop their facilities through planning consent. It was agreed that this would form part of the report to the steering group. Graham Collard will be interviewing members of sporting clubs with reference to provision and capacity.</p>	<p>Graham Collard to report on his interview with the sporting Clubs in Crowborough.</p> <p>Mike Cooke to update the report to include recommendations to the steering group.</p>

6. The WDC report on Crowborough sporting facilities. Interview with David Foot CTC Operations Manager.

Mike Cooke produced a report in table form of the WDC PPG 17 report recommendations and current observations.

a. Allotments

It was noted that the WDC report is no longer valid as there is spare capacity at the Owlsbury allotment site. Statistics obtained showed that in March there were 95 vacant plots at Owlsbury, 3 vacant plots at the Herne Allotment site and no vacant plots at the Pilmer Allotment site. It was agreed that even with the increase in population more allotment spaces were unlikely to be needed. It was also agreed that the statistics obtained by Mike Cooke should be included in the report and that a recommendation to the steering group should be made to retain the allotment sites at Pilmer and Herne sites due to demand.

Mike Cooke to update the report.

b. Bowling Greens

The WDC report is no longer valid as there is spare capacity at Crowborough Bowls Club. It was agreed that a recommendation should be made to the steering group to protect the area as open space.

Mike Cooke to update the report.

c. Children's Play Provision

The WDC report is no longer valid as children's play areas have been added to both the Adams Field and the Jubilee Field Sites. The Jarvis Brook Site has been fully upgraded to include a new skate park.

d. Grass Pitches

Graham Collard's survey showed that cricket club membership is in decline and that the current facility can meet demand.
The provision for rugby and football clubs is adequate.

Mike Cooke to show Cricket facility can meet demand in the report.

e. Artificial Turf Pitches

The group discussed the need for G3 and G4 artificial pitches in Crowborough. Graham Collard's research has shown that there is a need for a floodlight pitch for hockey as well as rugby and football and it was agreed that this would be included in the report. There was a discussion about whether a G3 or G4 pitch would be suitable. Graham Collard will investigate and report back.

The Artificial pitch at Beacon Academy needs updating.

The group discussed allocation of land for artificial pitch sites. It was agreed that Graham Collard would carry out research to narrow down the options. This would then go into the draft report for the Neighbourhood Plan.

Mike Cooke to include the need for a hockey pitch in the report.
Graham Collard to investigate the type of pitch needed and report findings to Mike Cooke who will include the information in the report.
Graham Collard to research possible artificial pitch sites and report findings to Mike Cooke who will include the information in the report.

f. Multi-functional Greenspaces

The WDC report is out of date as an additional 17 acres has been added to the Ghyll Country Park.

<p>g. <u>Multi-sports Courts</u> The group agreed with the findings of the WDC report. It was agreed however that due to the popularity of the Netball Club, facilities for netball in Crowborough were in adequate.</p> <p>h. <u>Tennis Courts</u> The group agreed with the findings of the WDC report. It was agreed to name the specific places of the tennis courts in Crowborough in the report.</p> <p>i. <u>Teenage Facilities</u> The group discussed whether the need for skate parks is fulfilled in the skate parks at Jarvis Brook and Goldsmiths. It was suggested that the group ask the steering group to investigate further sites in the southern part of the town. The group could also recommend that the issue is part of a consultation.</p> <p>j. <u>Intensive Sports Facilities</u> There are facilities for pupils to swim at St Mary's School, Henry Fermor school and Ashdown School. The Beacon Academy swimming pool has now closed and needs capital to be reopened. Whilst the group felt that swimming facilities in Crowborough were in adequate it was agreed that Graham Collard would interview Crowborough Swimming Club for evidence based information. The Athletics facilities consist of one track and needs upgrading. Crowborough Town Council is currently in discussion with the Crowborough runners with a view to upgrading the existing cinder track. External funding is being investigated.</p>	<p>Mike Cooke to include facility for netball in the report under Multi-sports courts.</p> <p>Mike Cooke to update report.</p> <p>Mike Cooke to include further investigation by the steering group in the report.</p> <p>Graham Collard to make contact with Crowborough Swimming Club and report back to the group.</p>
<p>7. Youth Council Report A report by Craig Murrell was circulated. The report stated that there was a need for a suitable venue for a youth club type facility. The group agreed that the analysis of community buildings and schools has shown that there are sufficient community halls to fulfil this need.</p>	
<p>8. Tony Fullwood Timescale Tony Fullwood thanked the group and in particular Mike Cooke for the work carried out in respect of the community facilities group. The group discussed the outstanding tasks and the deadlines for completion.</p>	
<p>9. Any Other Business Craig Murrell has submitted his resignation as Chairman of the Community Facilities Group. Graham Collard was been elected as the new Chairman of the Community Facilities Group. The group wished to thank Craig Murrell for his support and for his work as Chairman.</p>	
<p>10. Date Of Next Meeting The next meeting of the Community Facilities Group will take place on Wednesday 30th September.</p>	

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.