



Community Group - Minutes of meeting held at The Old School Friday 28th June 2024

Attending – **DF, JR, AS, LM** and **AE** by video.

The Group were pleased to welcome a new co-opted member of the Committee **LM**.

After much concern regarding recent restrictions on funding applications by the Community Group for Canada Woods and Community Park and the postponement of the orchard, which resulted in a loss of funding opportunities earlier this year, it was gladly acknowledged the proposal for funding put forward at the June PC meeting, had been resolved by the Parish Council in favour of the funding application process for:

- Accessible footpath from Grove Road into Community Park and possibly continuing through Community Park
- Drainage for water capture on Community Park
- Repairs for MLAV 2 on the upslope from the bubbling kettle
- Natural Play equipment to link the woodland to Community Park, this equipment being requested by youth groups, such as a zip wire and monkey bars, possibly a swing from a large bough identified by the river if suitable and accessible – **The Community Group understands that it will need to liaise with the Parish Council and close residents to agree the final design for any equipment, and its exact positioning within Canada Woods/Community Park**
- Battery operated maintenance equipment for woodland footpaths and Community Park
- Small event and educational facilities such as 'A' frame chalk boards and gazebos
- Wild flower seed mix
- Additional seating facilities within the woodland and Community Park
- Large Children's 'board' games for family events

There was a short discussion on the preparations for the orchard planting weekend on the 21st and 22nd September and the thought of scheduling different groups during the day to help plant was proposed. It was agreed there would be no change in the people initially invited to plant the 'Golden Orchard.' It was proposed to put articles in local community magazines and a shout out on Facebook for help to move the 2

tonnes of Mulch from Ladywood to the Community Park on the 14th or 15th September. It was also proposed that residents of Ladywood and Beechwood should receive a letter with details of the planting weekend. (DF to Liaise with Clerk)

AS proposed an application to The Vintage Meet for a pitch where the Community Group could engage with the public and information boards could be put together to aid this. It was also suggested to approach a local company for support in producing posters and fliers for advertising the Community Group and seeking volunteers. The Community Group would also try and produce some t shirts and hoodies to show for fund raising via the website. (DF to organise) – **All these things have now been actioned and are in hand for the Vintage Meet at no cost to the Community Group. A rota for the committee members who can ‘man’ the pitch during the weekend will be formalised (DF)**

JR has been collating contact details for local groups, associations, schools and businesses for promotional purposes and **AS** was assigned to help with this.

Suggestion for advertising on local radio and various media organisations for volunteers. It was also suggested to contact large and local businesses and organisations who have Community Engagement Groups to help with working parties throughout the year (DF to action)