

**Minutes of the Tews Lane Management Committee Meeting
held on Thursday, 24th November 2022 at 11.30am in the Beechfield
Centre**

Present: Cllrs J Cann (Chairman), B Sherborne and H Walker
Mr A Heighton (co-opted member, Barnstaple Youth Football Club)

Mrs V Woodhouse, Executive Officer
Mr T Russel and Mr G Coates, Devon Air Ambulance

2211/55 **Apologies**
Cllr S Kingdom.

2211/56 **Declarations of Interest**
None

2211/57 **Public Participation Period**
None

2211/58 **Minutes**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, that the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 29th September 2022 be approved as a correct record.

2211/59 **Landing Sites for Devon Air Ambulance**
The Chairman welcomed Mr Russel and Mr Coates to the meeting, a report on the development and use of the Tews Lane Playing Field as a community landing site for Devon Air Ambulance had been circulated prior to the meeting. Mr Russel explained that the designated night landing sites are surveyed so the pilots know what obstacles etc to expect and a lighting column with a remote switch so they can turn the lights on and off when they leave is installed. Mr Russel felt that the Tews Lane Playing Fields would be a good location to explore as it is flat, has a car park with good access and near a growing community. A lighting proposal was put forward it would be a single column behind the fence, it was noted that this would require planning permission, but the Devon Air Ambulance would assist with the application. The project costs were unknown at this stage but there might be some grant funding to assist, members noted that they had some funds available which could be used towards the project, and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to support designating Tews Lane Playing Field as a night-time landing site for the Devon Air Ambulance in principle and explore the costings and options further.

2211/60 **Budgets**
Members considered the draft budgets for 2023-2024, it was noted that the current maintenance contract ended on 31st December 2022 and the cost was likely to increase. The budget for Tews Lane Enhancements

was set at £5,000 but this has been removed to achieve a smaller increase in the Parish Council's precept, members were informed that this budget had been used to pay for planning applications, architectural fees and other costs associated with the project that cannot be claimed through Section 106 funding, however, the project had now reached the stage where these costs would be in excess of £30,000 for project management etc. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve the draft budget for 2023/2024.

2211/61 **Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA)**

Members were informed that the contractor had experienced some delays and had programmed construction of the MUGA to commence in January 2023.

The Chairman raised concerns about the latest correspondence that had been addressed to the Executive Officer from the Co Chairman of the Roundswell Residents' Association in relation to the MUGA and extension of the Community Pavilion. It was felt that staff and Cllrs are being harassed and bullied by members of the group, the Chairman explained that they had been given the answers from several levels at both the Parish Council and District Council, but they will not accept the answers they have been given. It was proposed and agreed for the Chairman to write to the Chief Executive of the North Devon Council to ask if NDC will take back the management of the site as the owners of the land. This would protect staff and Cllrs of the Parish Council and NDC has the solicitors and other departments. It was also agreed to circulate the email to all members of the Parish Council for information.

2211/62 **Grounds Maintenance**

It was noted that quotations had been sought for the ground's maintenance contract for 2023 – 2025 the quotation received was circulated to the Committee, it was noted that the quotation received was from the current contractor and the Committee were pleased with the service that had been provided so far, it was therefore **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to award the contract to Dave Budd Gardening Services.

The meeting ended at 12.20pm

Signed: Dated.....