

BRIEFING NOTE

Parkland Management Committee – Progress Report No 5

1. The purpose of this Note is to brief Members of the Parkland Management Committee on progress since the last report (5 January 2018) and the expected activity.

2. Meetings: The following have taken place:

(a) The Parkland Advisory Board has met once (13 February 2018).

3. Highfield Drive Parkland: The following matters have taken place:

- The preparatory works (fencing, footpaths, gates, steps and temporary signs) are now complete. . (*Highfield Drive Sketch Layout – Contract 1*)

4. Little Park Parkland : The following matters have taken place:

- The woodland area, including Tilleys Copse have not yet been transferred to the Parish Council. Owners Bovis Homes have advised that this will not take place until the detail of the Iden Hurst access road is settled with WSCC/MSDC. This is expected withing the next two months. .
- The preparatory works commenced on site 5 March 2018. (*Highfield Drive Sketch Layout – Contract 2*)
- Marchants Close access: As previously reported, following discussion with the landowner of the access adjacent road it has been agreed that it would be preferable for safety reasons to allow pedestrian access alongside, but not on the metalled road. To facilitate this a combined footpath and boardwalk would be constructed to connect Marchants Close with the western edge of the parkland. Investigations have taken place to find a suitable design engineer for the boardwalk, but there have been false starts and the matter is not settled. The following remain to be undertaken:
 - 1) A Design Engineer is appointed to produce designs for the boardwalk access
 - 2) A meeting is set with local residents in February/March to explain the proposals
 - 3) An application is made for planning permission for the access
- Apple orchard: The Parkland Advisory Board decided that the better location would be at Highfield Drive (east field).

5. Hurst Meadows launch – summer 2018: work has been undertaken in planning the launch.

6. Walkabout: A planned walkabout for Council and Board members on 3 March 2018 was postponed due to weather. A revised date of Saturday 14 April 2018 is now proposed.

7. Graphic design: Following the decision of the Committee (Minute PA17/06 16 January 2018) invitations have been issued to potential designers and quotations received. A proposal is being brought to the meeting of the Parkland Management committee at its meeting 20 March 2018.

RECOMMENDATION: The Parkland Management Committee is asked to note this progress report No 5.

Stephen Hoyles
CLERK TO THE COUNCIL
12 March 2018
