

EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Section 106 & CIL Working Party

Notes of the meeting held at 10.00am on Wednesday 2nd February 2022 virtually via Zoom.

Present

Councillor Aurora Bailey	AB	Exmouth Town Council
Councillor Brian Bailey	BB	Exmouth Town Council
Councillor Cherry Nicholas	CN	Exmouth Town Council
Councillor Joy Whipps	JW	Exmouth Town Council
Councillor Michael Rosser	MR	Exmouth Town Council
Councillor Pauline Stott	PS	Exmouth Town Council
Councillor Steve Gazzard	SG	Exmouth Town Council
Lisa Bowman	LB	Town Clerk/Officer
Jamie Buckley	JB	EDDC Officer
Sulina Tallack	ST	EDDC Officer
Mollie Carey	MC	Admin/Note taker

Apologies

Councillor Alex Sadiq	AS	Exmouth Town Council
Councillor Fred Caygill	FC	Exmouth Town Council

Welcome and apologies

PS welcomed members to the meeting and apologies were noted.

Approval of the notes of the previous meeting held on 12th August 2021.

All members acknowledged receipt of the notes of the previous meeting held on 12th August 2021 and these were approved with an amendment by JW who had actually given apologies for the meeting. Proposed by PS; seconded by SG

Acknowledgement of receipt of £164,022.13 in CIL receipts for the period October 2020 – September 2021.

Members noted the CIL receipts for the period October 2020 – September 2021 and the Annual Return of CIL receipts for the period April 1st 2020 to March 31st 2021.

Update on play park improvements and sports projects from EDDC officers (Dave Cook, Sulina Tallack and Jamie Buckley)

A brief update was provided on playpark improvements via email prior to the meeting by Dave Cook. In summary, Dave has been investigating the best way to procure the proposed works at Brixington as it involves multiple specialisms (pitch drainage

works/civil engineering ground works/supply and installation of gym equipment/Multi use games area etc). Following initial discussions with potential suppliers it transpired it would not be cost effective to procure these works under one contract. No single contractor could carry out all the work and the overhead/mark up (risk) of managing sub-contractors would not provide good value for money.

He has therefore had to separate the various proposals and will procure them independently. Quotations have been received for the pitch drainage works which needs to be completed first. This will need to be carried out during late summer to maximise the germination window for the soil and seed on the newly levelled and graded pitch.

Further procurement work for the remaining elements will then follow in an attempt to deliver continuous works through to completion (although there may be a slight delay between one contractor finishing and the other starting).

Little progress has been made with other projects being funded via S106 play funding but The Crescent play area (on the large green open space below Tescos) will be completely upgraded as part of Dave Cook's next tender. The S106 contribution will help maximise the value that EDDC can deliver there and reinforces the invaluable partnership working between ETC and EDDC.

Update from Chetna Jones on the proposed Bapton Valley Park improvements

Members received a written update from Chetna Jones which was circulated with the agenda prior to the meeting. This gave a detailed description of the work that is being carried out and planned for Bapton Valley park in line with the neighbourhood plan. Members supported the proposed improvements and following a proposal by SG, which was seconded by JW, Members agreed to make a recommendation to the Town Council to support and fund the proposal to improve the existing footpath through Bapton Valley Park (in line with the Neighbourhood Plan) and to expend up to £200,000 out of CIL receipts to do so.

Requests from the Deaf Academy and Councillor Paul Millar that the Town Council considers using S106 & CIL funding to support flood light projects at The Deaf Academy and Phear Park respectively.

Members had received an informal request via Councillor Paul Millar and a formal request from The Deaf Academy for financial support towards the cost of floodlights in Phear Park and at the Deaf Academy respectively. ST explained that there was extant s106 funding for Phear Park which could be spent on sports provision but that lights would need planning permission. Members debated the request and broadly agrees with the principle but felt that further clarification was needed in terms of project management costs and ongoing electricity charges and maintenance etc. It was also unclear whether the project had been approved at the budget setting

meeting at EDDC so it was agreed to pick this item up again at the next meeting when the outstanding queries could be addressed.

In respect of the request from the Deaf Academy, Members debated the request for some time but expressed concerns over potential charges for community use as it was felt that the facility should potentially be free to hire if the lights are funded via the Town Council's meaningful proportion of CIL. It was also unclear whether match funding had been secured and Members were concerned about safeguarding issues.

Identification and prioritisation of other infrastructure projects which can be funded via the Town Council's meaningful proportion of CIL receipts.

Members discussed identification and prioritisation of other infrastructure projects. It was agreed that the prioritisation of projects should be in line the neighbourhood plan with an emphasis on the five major infrastructure projects. However, it was also noted that some of the projects outlined in the plan were undeliverable due to land restrictions and other implications. Work will continue through the Town Council to identify projects which are listed in the neighbourhood plan.

Date of future meetings.

4th May

The meeting finished at 11.00am.