Sibbertoft Peace Park Charitable Trust

Minutes

Held on Tuesday 7th November 2023 at 7.00 p.m.

The Reading Room, Berkely Street, Sibbertoft, Northamptonshire, LE16 9UF

AGENDA

Mark Bickerstaff opened the meeting and welcomed all. There were 5 members of the committee, 3 members of public and the Officer to record the minutes of the meeting.

1. Mark Bickerstaff was elected as Chairman.
2. Committee Members appointed as:

   Mark Bickerstaff, Graham Kershaw, Eileen Gibbs, Derek Heatherington and Christine Kershaw.

   The Parish Clerk Clare Valentine acting as the Officer.
3. The Charitable Trust Governing Document was approved and adopted.

To be agreed and matters arising.

1. Design proposals

   The Chairman provided a report on three design proposals.

   The aim is to open the area up and create new access so that the area is equitable for all. The group will look at increasing the biodiversity and adding value to the area with shrubs, planting and paths and design features. Graham Bailey has been assisting with the design concepts. The ideas follow the natural lay of the land and work with existing trees. The design proposals will be available with the minutes on the website. The design ideas were discussed, and feedback was welcomed. Consideration into pond or bog gardens and safety measures were considered. Direction of the path and where it meets the recreation ground either at the basketball court or towards the pirate ship were asked to be considered in the designs. The PowerPoint presentation will be available to view with all the concept information with the minutes on the Parish Council website.
2. Landscaping/maintenance

   The Chairman suggested that early springtime will be favourite to access the land and catalogue the existing species of plant life. There is currently a lot of overgrown holly, and brambles and nettles that have prevented full access to the area. Mr Jarman did not wish for his grave to be identified so care will be given into consideration for shrub

planting. The family have offered to donate a bench for the park. The area will be created to work in with the natural landscape. Bulbs and shrubs to be considered to compliment the area and will hopefully be relatively low maintenance. Options to open the entrance and create pathways are being looked into.

3. Fundraising

   The first stage will be to provide safe access and get a hardstanding path in place so that the area is open for use. Then the next stage will be to work on the immediate vegetations issues, whilst fundraising and obtaining contractor quotes for the landscaping work. The aim where possible is for volunteers to work on the land. The Chairman proposed arranging village open gardens event in the summer to raise funds for the park and apply for grants. Noted WNC community grant up to £1.5K currently open.

4. Volunteers

   The project welcomes volunteers to help with the development of Sibbertoft Peace Park.

5. Reports and banking

   Bank account to be opened with Mark Bickerstaff and Graham Kershaw as signatories. Clare Valentine to have access to view and prepare accounts.

6. Communication

   Group to meet to discuss the project further. Information including the PowerPoint presentation will be available on: www.sibbertoftparishcouncil.gov.uk

Meeting Closed at 19:52 hrs.