

Chris cannot find my notes but think it is ok from memory. Add anything I missed

Ken

Minutes of Meeting of the Receptions Group

Held at Cradley Village Hall on ????????

Present: Chris Lowder, Ken Nason, Guiselle? , Lorna Gamble.

Apologies: Simon Davies, New guy? Ed Moseley.

The chair opened the meeting and thanked those that attended. Unfortunately the previous minutes were unavailable as KN had not produced them due to pressure of work and they would be available for the next meeting.

The main aim of the meeting was to lay down plans for development of the recreation areas over the coming financial year.

It was pointed out that the existing work in landscaping the "mountain" as the Chair prefers to call it had stalled somewhat. It was pointed out by the Chair that due to adverse conditions over the winter months any work would have been impossible to carry out correctly. The logs had been set in the slopes to form climbing platforms .

On the question of planting LG was brought up to speed on what was planned for early spring as soon as weather relented . KN stated that it was planned to sow the open soil areas on the "mountain " with a grass and wild flower mix which would only be cut at the end of the year thereby allowing an area of untamed growth to wander through. He confirmed that the Woodlands Trust had confirmed our application of free tree sapling to be planted on the North face of the slope and these would be delivered in early March and planted weather permitting(again).

It was noted that the centre of the horseshoe area was prone to flooding (where isn't these days) and KN pointed out that due to the old safety tiles not being laid in the landscaping of the area as drainage medium these was no soakaway facility. It was suggested and agreed that the solution would be to excavate the area to allow a gravel soakaway to be built and to turf the centre area of the horseshoe. KN to obtain prices for the work in this years budget. CL to check on availability of digger to carry out work.

It was suggested that following on from the free trees that we might encourage parishioners participation by arranging a “donate a tree” scheme in the village to plant up the mountain. LG& GE to put together ideas and liase with KN to produce advertising of the scheme.

Proposed work for 2014/2015: It is planned to work on the football pitch by turning it to an East West alignment and to turn it into a kick about/Five a side pitch. This will require earth moving to level off the slope to give an almost level pitch an alleviate the slope now encountered. CL to look into earth moving costs (estimated at around £2000. KN stated he had checked out the cost of hire of a turf cutter at around £250 (ex labour) to remove the turf for re-laying after pitch levelled. Work gangs will need to be organised.

CL stated that he had looked into facilitating the inclusion of “exercise” equipment to the area to the West of the “mountain” and that he had acquired match funding from a private benefactor and the balance he was sure could be found from grants.(£16k total) It was proposed that he present this to the full Council under the WW1 memorial Year initiative as the Villages contribution.

There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at???

Next meeting????????