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03 April 2017 18:42

To:

Subject:

Council Shed

Dear all,

At the Playing Field meeting of 28th March it was acknowledged that despite previous advice to the contrary, planning permission was required for the Allotment Association to put up a shed at Rublees allotments. To circumvent the need for planning permission it was agreed by the chair's casting vote that Steyning Parish Council install the shed to be used by the Allotment Association and its members - or all allotment holders?

I raise a number of points arising from SPC circumventing the requirement of planning permission which I list below

1. If we had applied for PP for the fences we would not have had the public outcry. The whole community would have had the opportunity to see what was planned and we would have had a green fence with hedging replanted as part of the scheme- not a galvanised fence, a lot of upset people, and the hedge going in a year late and at the public's expense. We should be ensuring that everything is done in the clearest most accountable way – not looking for clever ways to circumvent the usual rules requiring this. By being "clever" we are risking a repeat and also a lot of other problems come up.
2. Because of this "clever " idea to circumvent, SPC will now be responsible for maintaining the AA shed, and keeping it safe and secure as it will be the council's property.
3. Are we going to allow all allotment holders to use our shed or just the AA and its members? How are we going to administer this?
4. Will SPC need to grant a lease or a tenancy or a licence agreement to the Allotment Association and/or its members putting any repairing obligations onto it/them?
5. The shed will need to be brought under the council's public liability policy. What is the cost involved to the council?
6. Will SPC provide insurance for the shed building?
7. Will SPC provide insurance for the contents of the shed?
8. Allotment holders will be storing their own property in the shed, and these items are not owned by either the Allotment Association or SPC. How complicated will it be to insure the contents of the shed?
9. If it is our shed and it is left unlocked or is insecure for some other reason are we going to be liable for any theft from it? Or will that liability be excluded under the tenancy/licence/lease?
10. What is the cost to SPC to insure the AA shed building and its contents?

11. What is the cost involved of any council obligations regarding repairing and maintenance if not put onto the AA?

12. Will SPC need to seek legal advice to draw up a document to grant this shed lease/tenancy/licence agreement?

If the Allotment Association applied for planning permission for a shed in the normal way all the long-term costs to the council and the effort of sorting out the administration side of SPC installing the shed for the AA would be avoided. There would also be proper openness and accountability. I am mindful of the extra burden on the clerk's office just as she is leaving, plus the time which will need to be put in by councillors now and into the future as we completely unnecessarily take on the burden of responsibility for erecting and owning a shed for the use of others.

Regards,

Hazel Roxby

From: [redacted]
Sent: 06 April 2017 02:58
To: [redacted]
Subject: Fw: Safety gate

From: Tessa Eckert
Sent: 05 April 2017 09:50
To: Carol Stephenson
Subject: FW: Safety gate

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Sent: 04 April 2017 18:43

Subject: Safety gate F. [redacted]

as per our telephone conversation today with reference to some kind of gate/ safety barrier/ staggered barrier needed at the twitten Newham Lane end of the Memorial playing fields.
I feel it would be most beneficial to young children who run down that path and there is only a very small concrete bollard at the end. One similar to the barrier at Charlton Road would be a good example.
I would be grateful if you could bring this to the attention of the parish council t the next meeting.
thank you kindly

regards

Hedgerow Working Party Group

Hilde Morris

Roger Brown

Fran Wedderburn

For Playing Fields
Meeting on 2nd May

Late correspondence

Clerk to the Parish Council
Steyning Community Centre
Steyning

Dear Madam,

Our grandson is being Christened on Sunday 14th May 2017 at St. Andrew's Church Steyning. We are having a celebration at Steyning Cricket Club, 12-3pm, after the service.

We would like your permission to use a child's bouncy castle, reasonably close to the Cricket Club, but not within the boundary of the Cricket out field.

I understand the Playing Field Committee meet on 2nd May. Could I ask you to email me of their decision : _____? Thank you.

Your faithfully,