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Sherford Community Trust Meeting 16/02/2024

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Articles of Association

Final run through the Articles

One final change. Documents to be sent out for formal accepting by the directors, and registration with Companies House.

Working polices

The SCT are working through several working polices including Safeguarding, Volunteers, complaints, GDPR, Risk assessments and the like.

SCT fee

Invoices for these fees will be issued shortly for the year 2024 by Firstport. Note these are different to any maintenance charges issued and are part of the S106 obligations.

RIO update

First years' work completed. Future works under discussion on financial and plans for future direction of the Community Trust / Development

Working Groups

Quite active over the last few months

A sign-up/subscribe function/button is now on the home page of the Trust website for the newsletter, meaning we can gain consent from individuals and capture their contact details in a GDPR compliant way, to send them the monthly newsletter.

General Matters

Skills centre – There was a discussion on the future use of centre as this building is believed to be empty now following previous course funding ceasing. Tghis will be continued at the March 2024 meeting.

Future Events

Sherford Day Country Park 6th April.

Farmers market in June2024 under discussion.

Grant Applications

A grant has been approved to Friends of the Country group for a 6 Panel display board.

Brookbanks Update:

The number of houses in occupation at the end of October 2023 was 819.

Directors also gave concern over timelines for projects slipping. Some queries that require answers are outstanding.

General Matters/ Development Summary:

The number of houses in occupation at the end of October 2023 was 819, although suspect a lot higher now.

Planning for the Western Centre going in, in a couple of months.

Temporary shop opening in early March

Sherford road traffic calming exhibition held on Wednesday 21st Feb. It is hoped work will start in May, subject to securing the road bookings with PCC.

Works on access to the Country Park continue. The Consortium are working with SHDC Planning Officers to provide suitable access to the park in a phased manner over the coming months.

The Consortium's aim is to have both pitches available to use by 1st April. Bookings for these will be managed by the Argyll Trust.

Stamps Hill/Red Lion Hill remains closed currently. Permission from the Highways Authorities for the closure expires in June 2024. It will be very tight completing all of the necessary works within this timeframe, particularly if there is further inclement weather in the coming months. It may therefore be necessary to request an extension. A decision on this will be made in Q1 next year. DCC and SHDC highways met on site last week to discuss and consider health & safety and traffic management implications of running public vehicles through a live construction site.

The primary school extension is well underway and should be complete by June 2024.

Sherford Web Site

New website set up www.sherford.uk.

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