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Sherford Community Trust Meeting 22/02/2023

Future council surgeries within Sherford will be of a different format to the last one in November 2022.

Ongoing discussions with RIO have taken place and their appointment has been confirmed, subject to the agreement of the contract.

The first meeting of the Sherford Community Panel Meeting will be tonight.

Food Hub is up and running and working well

Anti Social Behaviour has reduced and will be reviewed quarterly

A grant has been agreed for the friends of the country park subject to some clarifications

A Report from Consortium has been received as follows;

Development summary: (Issued February 2023 but as January 2023)

The number of houses in occupation at the end of December 2022 was 706.

Phase 2D infrastructure work commenced early in 2022 and is well underway. The majority of roads have been laid, with services and utilities also in place. The Developers are advancing at pace with house construction on this Phase.

Preparation of a reserved matters planning application for infrastructure for the next phase, Area 3, is well advanced. This will be submitted before the end of Q2 2023, with planning applications for the housing parcels to follow later in the year. This will add permission for another c.800 homes.

Land sale agreements for parts of the business park are in an advanced stage. These could result in planning applications later this year with construction commencing in late 2023/early 2024.

Work is still ongoing with the Sherford Road traffic calming. A scheme has been agreed with PCC Highways and DCC Highways to introduce a new footpath from Gemini Road towards Elberton. Full technical details have been submitted for review. The Consortium is awaiting approval (or further comments). This will be installed as soon as the appropriate legal agreements are in place.

Discussions with the NHS are well advanced over provision of a temporary GP surgery. The NHS has appointed a local practice to run the surgery. Subject to legal agreements this could be in place during Q3 2023. (Originally Spring 2023)

The Consortium are also exploring options for provision of a temporary shop whilst the local centre is brought forward. Plans are being prepared to identify a central location for a shop and to assess how the shop might be operated. Further discussions are taking place on this over the next couple of weeks. This is recognised as an urgent requirement for Sherford and so will hopefully be progressed ASAP.

A planning application was submitted in December 2022 for the leisure centre. It is hoped permission will be granted by March 2023 with work to commence soon after. Based on this the leisure centre should be ready to open by late 2024.

The NEAP, Skate Park and MUGA are now all open to the public, the tennis court is also available on a temporary free to use basis. Power will be supplied to this area by late summer 2023 which will allow installation of the gates to the tennis courts and the use of the floodlights. The access ramp and stairs to the All-Weather Pitch and Tennis Courts are being installed now and should be complete by the end of March 2023.

The Consortium are entering into an agreement with Argyll Community Trust to manage use of the All-Weather Pitch and grass football pitch whilst the leisure centre is constructed.

First Port (new owners of Mainstay) will manage the tennis courts via the LTA's online system, Club Spark, which will be implemented once the gates are installed. There will be a small booking fee applied which is to be determined by First Port.

A Community liaison event was held at the hub in November 2022. This was run by Analogy PR and informed residents and stakeholders of upcoming plans for Sherford. Just over 200 people attended.

New website set up www.sherford.uk . Still unavailable

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