

# **11 - 23 Sherford Community Trust Board Member Report for Brixton Parish Council- November 2023**

## **Sherford Community Trust Meeting 19/07/2023**

### **6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Sherford Trust Board Meeting**

#### **Brookbanks Update:**

No presence

Directors also gave concern over timelines for projects slipping. This will be communicated to Andy at the next meeting.

#### **Working Groups**

Activity over October has focused on, delivery of community activity, planning for next year, training, capacity building and process development, and the finalising of the new set of articles.

The working groups have been keenly developing and thinking about how they store documents, deliver events, communicate with each other, and continue to drive and move the work forward in the community into next year.

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.

The next big event on the calendar is the Christmas Celebration on 16th December. This has been advertised via leaflet drop, the website and social media.

Recruitment of new working group and panel members is still going strong. The panel now has, 15 active members and the working groups between them have 15 members and a set of regular volunteers to support the delivery of activity. It seems word is getting out and we are regularly talking to new people, who want to join.

RIO circulated the final version of the revised Articles; with the tracked changes agreed at the meeting on the 20th of September which were reviewed. These have been reviewed and once some final points are agreed upon, they will be tidied up as a succinct, intelligible set for distribution.

The Membership fee, Service charge and CLT fee were discussed at length, and all agreed that there should be no index-linking for the membership fee and the service charge will not have an upper limit set. If the CLT takes on the management in the future, then an agreed limit can be set at that time.

It was agreed that Directors will pass a resolution at the next meeting to limit the CLT fee to £40pa (index-linked to CPI) for a certain number of years and there would be a policy in place to review this annually. It was stressed that Directors have an obligation to act in the best interest of the Company.

The trust is applying for Lottery Heritage funding to include a number of talks and environmental workshops, along with developing connections with local experts such as the Box and drawing up a longer-term Heritage Plan for Sherford.

## **General Matters:**

The number of houses in occupation at the end of June 2023 was 796. Current number to be confirmed.

A reserved matters planning application for infrastructure for the next phase, Area 3, has been submitted to SHDC and is being consulted on now. The target determination date for this is mid-September. Planning applications for the housing parcels to follow later in the year. This will add permission for another c.800 homes.

Work continues on sale agreements for land on the business park and land at the local centre adjacent to Sherford Vale Primary School Land. Subject to finalising the legal sale agreements, these are hoped to result in planning applications later this year with construction commencing in 2024.

Work is still ongoing with the Sherford Road traffic calming. Works will commence as soon as the appropriate legal agreements are in place.

Meetings are being booked with the Highways Authorities to discuss timescales and works on Stamps Hill (currently closed between Sherford and Brixton). The Consortium are looking for opportunities to accelerate works in this area and reopen the road as soon as possible, whilst dealing with some significant infrastructure installation (drainage and high voltage cables).

It has been noted that a Bus Shelter has not been installed on Hercules Road. Access into it still needs to be completed.

It has also been noted that works to the temporary shop have started with the site being cleared.

Work is ongoing to agree a contract with the developer who will build the leisure centre.

Work is also ongoing with Argyll Community Trust to manage the use of the All-Weather Pitch and grass football pitch whilst the leisure centre is constructed.

Successful volunteer day with the Country Park Group was held on October 6th.

The food hub is running well with good weekly demand for food packs. Coordinator to continue overseeing the running of it. Update received and circulated to all.

End-of-year accounts are now published on the Trust website.

## **Future Events**

December 16th Christmas Market in Sherford Vale School

## **Sherford Web Site**

New website set up [www.sherford.uk](http://www.sherford.uk) . This is now operational.

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