



**Notes of the Allbrook Meadow Working Group  
held on Tuesday 25 October 2022 at 6.00 pm  
in the Scout Hut, Boyatt Lane, Eastleigh SO50 4LQ**

**Councillors Present:** D Betts, R Daniels, P Handley-Garland, N Palmer, G Smith & P Wilkinson

**Residents Present:** Sarah Eggleston, Mark Housby, Sam Massey & Charlotte Stansbury

**Apologies:** Cllr L Crosher, Nigel Baker, Jean Green and Mark Ward

**Officer in attendance:** C Gosling (Clerk)

### **1. Introduction**

Cheryl Gosling thanked everyone for attending the first official meeting of the Allbrook Meadow Group. Some of the group had previously met at the site visit on 8 October.

### **2. Appointment of a Leader**

Mark Housby agreed to lead the meetings and report back to the Council.

### **3. Ideas on site layout**

Mark gave the group some background of the original intentions for the site by the Developer (Bargate Homes). Several documents were done to assess the ecological and biodiversity of the site. Allbrook Meadow also featured in the Borough Council's biodiversity action plan.

Ideas from the group:

- Play area for older children
- An area of play for younger children closer to the road
- Avenue of trees
- Informal area of play with goals and basketball hoops
- Running steps for exercise
- Outdoor gym equipment
- Anaerobic digester for dog waste
- Shared use between dog walkers and non-walkers. Specific times where dogs must remain on a lead
- To make the most of the vista from the Park Lane end of the site.
- Encouragement of different habitats
- Pond at the bottom of the site
- Grass mown paths – mixture of styles (maze) to encourage different routes
- Wildflower zones
- Consider relocating the willow acting as a hedgerow to screen Dragonfly Way
- Community Orchard

- Community Building – Pavilion style with small car park

#### **4 Funding**

It was noted that some of the grant funding has been withdrawn due to the economic climate. Once the park becomes available, funding streams will open.

Cheryl outlined the funds associated with the S106 agreement. Funds are set aside for the upkeep of the site and a community building.

#### **5 Other matters**

All agreed that biodiversity was important. It was important to encourage those who lived in the Parish to walk to the site as there was limited parking in Pitmore Road.

Mark brought along some management plans from other nearby projects. He felt that the group should start looking at a management plan for the site. He suggested forwarding the links to the other documents that he had found online.

It was suggested that the group engages with some of the organisations to such as Hampshire Wildlife, Hampshire Butterfly Conservation etc. In addition, ask the Borough Council for assistance.

#### **6 Date of next meeting**

It was agreed to keep the meetings in line with Parish Council meetings. The next meeting of the working group is on 22 November at 8.15pm (at the close of the Council meeting).