

Notes of Meeting 28th April, 2010. Woodham Ferrers Village Hall

Present: Barry Arnold (BA)
John Bishop (JB)
Lucy Brett (LB)
Karen Kuderovitch (KK)
Richard Poulter (RP)
Ian Read (IR)

1. It was agreed that the purpose of the meeting was to agree the status of FOPF and to determine terms of agreement on how the fields were to be managed in the future
2. BA referred to the letter of advice very recently received from the solicitors and said that it is very difficult for the PC to reject the advice they gave. KK says she will advise the PC to proceed in accordance with the legal advice.
3. RP suggested seeking further advice from the solicitors on how to achieve the joint objectives of PC and FOPF including advice as to how FOPF can facilitate that process including PC executing a trust deed. BA said that we need to take account of the cost of continually seeking legal advice which was not in PC budget.
4. BA suggested that some or all FOPF members become a sub-committee of the PC as an interim measure to take the pressure off reaching a final decision at the next PC meeting. This would also mean that FOPF members and guests could also work on the land. This is subject to getting the OK from PC insurers which KK would check regarding cover for those working on the land, third party and public liability
5. There was uncertainty whether an interim agreement as outlined above would enable FOPF to retain its current status and funds. IR emphasised the importance of this.
6. No interim agreement was reached neither was agreement reached on the legal advice. PC and FOPF would consider the situation at their next meetings.
7. BA repeated and all agreed that we are working together for the benefit of all residents and that this potential impasse had only arisen as a result of advice from the PC insurers.