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Members of the Committee:

Voting Members:

Councillor M Cope
Councillor K Girling
Councillor L Goff
Councillor M Skinner

Non-Voting Members:

Councillor Mrs I Brown
Councillor R Crowe
Councillor Mrs G Dawn
Councillor D Lloyd

AGENDA

MEETING: Trustee Board of the Gilstrap and William Edward Knight Charities

DATE: Thursday, 4 March 2021 at 6.00 pm

VENUE: Broadcast from Castle House, Great North Road, Newark NG24 1BY

**You are hereby requested to attend the above Meeting
for the purpose of transacting the business on the Agenda as overleaf.**

**Attendance at this meeting and public access will be by remote means due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.
Further details to enable remote access will be forwarded to all parties prior to the
commencement of the meeting.**

If you have any queries please contact Helen Brandham on helen.brandham@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk.

REMOTE MEETING DETAILS

This meeting will be held in a remote manner in accordance with the Local Authorities and Police & Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police & Crime Panel Meetings) (England & Wales) Regulations 2020.

The meeting will be live streamed on the Council's social media platforms to enable access for the Press and Public.

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NEWARK AND SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of **Trustee Board of the Gilstrap and William Edward Knight Charities** broadcast from Castle House, Great North Road, Newark NG24 1BY on Friday, 2 October 2020 at 2.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs I Brown, Councillor R Crowe, Councillor Mrs R Crowe, Councillor Mrs G Dawn, Councillor K Girling, Councillor L Goff, Councillor D Lloyd and Councillor M Skinner

APOLOGIES FOR Councillor M Cope
ABSENCE:

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Keith Girling proposed and Councillor Mathew Skinner seconded that Councillor Mrs Rita Crowe be appointed as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Gilstrap and W.E. Knight Charities.

AGREED (by 3 votes for with 1 abstention) that Councillor Mrs R Crowe be appointed as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Gilstrap and W.E. Knight Charities.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None

3 DECLARATION OF INTENTION TO RECORD THE MEETING

The Chairman advised those present that the meeting was being livestreamed by the Council on social media.

4 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 OCTOBER 2019

AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2019 be approved as a correct record.

5 GUIDANCE ON THE COUNCIL'S ROLE AS CORPORATE TRUSTEE AND MEMBERS OF THE TRUSTEES BOARD

The Trustees considered a report presented by the Clerk to the Board which sought to provide them with guidance on the role and duties when acting on the Board of Trustees on behalf of the Council as Corporate Trustee.

The report set out the background to the establishment and set-up of the current Board of Trustees and the powers and duties when acting in that capacity. Specific key duties were listed in paragraph 3.3 of the report.

In considering the report a Trustee noted that there were a number of newly appointed Trustees, suggesting that an informal meeting or training session be held to clearly set out the objectives of the Charity as defined in the Trust Schemes, adding that this would lead to more informed decision making.

AGREED (unanimously) that:

- (a) the contents of the report be noted; and
- (b) a training session be arranged for the Trustees to meet with the Clerk to the Board in order to fully explore the Trust Schemes that applied to the charities, in particular the objectives and purposes of the Trusts. Such training to also include details of the finances of each Scheme.

6 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Trustees considered the report presented by the Assistant Business Manager – Financial Services which set out the financial performance figures for the W.E. Knight Trust and the Gilstrap Endowment Fund for the financial year ended 31 March 2020.

The report set out that the W.E. Knight charity had no active functions and that monies were retained within the Charity's account until such time as the Trustees chose to disburse it. It was noted that the Gilstrap charity received an annual income of £43,826.92 for the lease of the Gilstrap building.

AGREED (unanimously) that the financial performances for the year ended 31 March 2020 be noted.

7 NEWARK R&M CRICKET CLUB PROJECT

The Trustees considered the report presented by the Clerk to the Board of Trustees which sought to provide an update on progress made by Newark R&M Cricket Club in respect of their ground development project and to consider a request for additional funding.

The report set out the background to the awarding of funding to the cricket club and provided details of the now complete Phase 1. It was noted that the provision of new changing rooms formed Phase 2 of the project and that these had been designed in accordance with the technical requirements of the ECB. It was reported that the planning application for the changing rooms had been unsuccessful as it did not meet accessibility requirements. In order to overcome the issue the Club were proposing to amend the design to include the installation of a lift on the front external stairs with the internal access to both sides of the building being reconfigured, the cost of which was an additional £13,134. It was noted that there remained unallocated funds of £38,956.65 in the W.E. Knight accounts.

In considering the report a Trustee queried whether the cricket club had been offered an alternative location which was not at risk from flooding. In response it was reported that the ground level was being raised to mitigate this risk. The location was in the ownership of the cricket club and unless the mitigation works were undertaken the ECB would not approve the development.

AGREED (unanimously) that:

- (a) the update regarding the Newark R&M Cricket Club project be noted; and
- (b) the request for further funding towards the installation of a lift for the changing room building be approved.

8 APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT FUNDING

The Trustees considered the report presented by the Clerk to the Board of Trustees in relation to two applications made to the Gilstrap Charity for grant funding. These were from: the Newark Book Festival; and the Newark Civic Trust (NCT). Paragraph 2 of the report set out the current approved criteria for funding with details of the applications being provided in paragraph 3. Redacted copies of the application forms were attached as appendices to the report.

Newark Book Festival

In considering the application the Trustees expressed concern in relation to the amount of funding being sought. The Trustees suggested that the overheads of the organisation should have been reduced and that the application, originally made in March 2020, had not been fully revised. The Trustees commented that they looked to support organisations which were able to sustain themselves and would have wanted to have sight of more than one year's financial accounts.

It was suggested that the application be deferred pending submission of additional information.

Newark Civic Trust

In considering the application the Trustees were advised that the production of the town trails had been adapted in light of the pandemic with some of the information having been made available online as well as in the usual paper leaflet format.

The Trustees were supportive of the town trails, suggesting that consideration should be given to the production of a booklet rather than individual leaflets. A nominal charge could be made in the region of £0.50 to help towards the funding of the booklet. The Trustees also suggested that the trails be promoted on the Visit Newark website and that Newark Civic Trust (NCT) be thanked for their efforts.

The Trustees discussed whether it would be appropriate for NCT to combine some of their less popular trails and whether the Woodwork Department at Newark College could be approached to make some leaflet display boards for placing in strategic locations in the area. It was noted that this could result in a more frequent print run of the leaflets but that it was hoped that the information therein would not need to be changed for 2 to 3 years. Discussions in relation to advertising were also held as this would help towards the cost of the printing.

It was also noted that the NCT's Civil War Trail and the National Civil War Centre did not complement each other and that consideration could be given to aligning the information provided by the two bodies.

In summary, the Trustees agreed that they would support the application for funding in the sum of £2,500 if the NCT considered the following suggestions:

- i) combine some of the less popular trails to reduce the number of leaflets printed, thereby reducing costs and that consideration be given to the production of a booklet, to include advertising space to create an income;
- ii) that an online presence for the town trails information be introduced; and
- iii) that a partnership be entered into with Newark College to build leaflet display boards for the town trail leaflets.

AGREED (unanimously) that:

- (a) the determination of the Newark Book Club application for funding be deferred pending receipt of additional financial information; and
- (b) the Newark Civic Trust's application for funding in the sum of £2,500 be approved subject to consideration of the following suggestions:
 - i) combine some of the less popular trails to reduce the number of leaflets printed, thereby reducing costs and that consideration be given to the production of a booklet, to include advertising space to create an income;
 - ii) that an online presence for the town trails information be introduced; and
 - iii) that a partnership be entered into with Newark College to build leaflet display boards for the town trail leaflets.

Should the Newark Civic Trust not be in agreement to the above suggestions, the sum of £1,918.00 be approved.

9 LAND OFF CEDAR AVENUE/LINCOLN ROAD, NEWARK - UPDATE REPORT

The Trustees considered the report presented by the Clerk to the Board of Trustees in relation to the future options for the land owned by the Gilstrap Charity at Cedar Avenue, Newark. The report set out the background as to the use of the land as a non-designated public open space and the siting of a multi-use games area. Details of the two unauthorised encampments by travellers and the associated costs to secure their removal were provided and that this had resulted in the decision to sell the land for development. Following an informal tender process an offer was received from Nottingham Community Housing Association but subsequently withdrawn after they failed to gain planning permission. Paragraph 4 of the report set out 3 alternative options for the land as: re-advertise the land for disposal on the open market; retain the land as Charity property with its use as amenity field and public open space; and dispose of the land to a public body or other organisation to retain as an amenity field and public open space. An alternate proposal had been received from the Winthorpe Estate Residents Group which was to develop the site into a 'Children's Wood and Wildlife Meadow'.

A Trustee suggested that consideration of the report be deferred until the previously agreed training had taken place. He also expressed concern in relation to receiving the proposal from the Winthorpe Residents Group as the members thereof were currently anonymous. He suggested that the Group should reflect on their anonymity.

A further Trustee was in agreement with the deferral stating that the terms of the Gilstrap Charity were wide and that the training would provide the Trustees with a better understanding. He stated that the asset was costing more to maintain than previously. He noted that the Council were currently undertaking an assessment of the district's green and open spaces and suggested that any decision on the future use of the land should await the outcome of that, adding that if it was to remain an open space then he would wish to see it sold to an organisation who were able to maintain it accordingly. He further noted that some of the suggestions of the Winthorpe Residents Group were exciting but that the Trustees could not contemplate entering into an agreement with an anonymous organisation.

A Trustee queried whether any attempt had been made to identify the members of the Group. In response the Clerk advised that both herself and the Chief Executive had sent several emails asking for the members to identify themselves so that meaningful conversations could be held but that each time this request had been refused.

A Trustee stated that she was in agreement with the deferment adding that it was hoped that the Winthorpe Residents Group would declare their identities. She suggested that work on the Groups proposal be started and stated that she was pleased that the voting Trustees had agreed not to sell the land. She also requested that clarity be provided at the training session on the role of the non-voting Trustees. In response, a Trustee clarified that no decision on the future use of the land had yet been taken.

A Trustee advised that all the appointed Trustees had the right to speak but not all could vote. He stated that it would be inadvisable for work on the Group's proposal to commence as this could result in monies being wasted and again noted that the Trustees could not contemplate entering into an agreement with an anonymous organisation. The Clerk to the Board of Trustees added that the alternate proposal was well presented but acknowledged the concerns of the Trustees.

In noting that a meeting had not been held for 12 months, a Trustee queried why it was now felt that training was necessary. In response it was stated that delays in holding a meeting had been largely down to the unavailability of a member of the Gilstrap family together with the cancellation of all meetings from March 2020 due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

AGREED (unanimously) that consideration of the options detailed in the report for the future use, retention or disposal of the land off Cedar Avenue/Lincoln Road, Newark be deferred pending the Trustees receiving training as referred to in Minute No. 5 above.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

AGREED (unanimously) that meetings of the Board of Trustees would be held quarterly and commence at 6.00pm.

Meeting closed at 3.18 pm.

Chairman

TRUSTEE BOARD OF GILSTRAP AND WILLIAM EDWARD KNIGHT CHARITIES
4 MARCH 2021

LAND OFF CEDAR AVENUE/LINCOLN ROAD, NEWARK - UPDATE

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To consider the various options for the future of the land owned by the Trust at Cedar Avenue, Newark including an alternative proposal received to develop the site as a 'Children's Wood and Wildlife Meadow'.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 At the last meeting of the Trustee Board on 2 October 2020, Members considered future options for the land owned by the Gilstrap Charity at Cedar Avenue, Newark. The land is currently used as non-designated open space and the siting of a multi-use games area but is included within the Council's Allocations DPP for residential development to provide 24 dwellings with retention of on-site public open space.
- 2.2 It was noted that a proposal to develop the site into a 'Children's Wood and Wildlife Meadow' had also been received from the Winthorpe Estate Residents Group. The Board agreed that consideration of the options detailed in the report (a copy of which is appended for Members ease of reference – as **APPENDIX ONE**) for the future use, retention or disposal of the land off Cedar Avenue/Lincoln Road, Newark - should be deferred pending all members receiving refresher training on the Council's role and responsibilities as Charity Trustee. This training has been unavoidably delayed but is now arranged to take place on 25 February 2021. Concern was also expressed in relation to receiving the proposal from the Winthorpe Residents' Group as its members were anonymous.

3.0 Children's Wood and Wildlife Meadow' Proposal

- 3.1 A revised proposal has now been received from four local residents, who have formed themselves into "The Gilstrap Charity Children's Wood and Wildlife Meadow Committee" (GCWWM Committee). The residents have identified themselves and their Chairman has indicated that they are keen to meet with the Trustee Board Members to discuss their proposal for the land at Cedar Avenue. A copy of the revised version of the proposal is appended to this report as **APPENDIX TWO**.
- 3.2 The GCWWM Committee have pointed out that they are not affiliated, associated, or in any way connected to the administration of "Winthorpe Estate Residents' Group" or for that matter any local social media groups, organisations or associations. They are simply a group of residents that are focussed on retaining the site as green open space for the benefit of the local residents.
- 3.3 Clearly if the Board wishes to consider this proposal further, then it is suggested that engagement with the GCWWM Committee would be essential and more investigation, time and thought would need to be given to ascertain accurate costings.

3.4 There are also two other aspects of the proposal that would require careful thought by the Board, given its obligations as Trustee. These relate to the suggestion that the Charity protect the land through a Deed of Dedication with Fields in Trust, which would effectively preserve the land as amenity land in perpetuity, and to create a public right of way over the land. Both of these matters would need to be considered by the Trustee Board as to whether they would be in the best interests of the Charity.

4.0 Financial Comments (these have been repeated from the previous report dated 02.10.20)

4.1 As per the previous report to the Board, there are potentially three options for the piece of land: the continued sale of the development site; its retention by the Charity for its current use; or disposal to another public body or organisation to retain as amenity field and public open space. The first option will gain a significant capital receipt. The second and third options will require further exploration and negotiations and agreements before the financial information can be fully identified and reported.

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the Board consider the various options for the future use, retention or disposal of the land off Cedar Avenue/Lincoln Road, Newark, including the alternative proposal put forward for the development of the site as a Children's Wood and Wildlife Meadow.

Reason for Recommendation

To consider the best option for the future of the land at Cedar Avenue/Lincoln Road for the interests of the Gilstrap Charity.

Background Papers

None

For further information please contact Karen White on Extension 5240.

Karen White
Director – Governance & Organisational Development

TRUSTEE BOARD OF GILSTRAP AND WILLIAM EDWARD KNIGHT CHARITIES
2 OCTOBER 2020

LAND OFF CEDAR AVENUE/LINCOLN ROAD, NEWARK - UPDATE

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To consider the future options for the land owned by the Trust at Cedar Avenue, Newark.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The Gilstrap Charity owns land at Chestnut Avenue/Cedar Avenue, which is shown on the attached plan, marked as **Appendix A**. The site is included within the Council's Allocations DPP for residential development to provide 24 dwellings with on-site public open space of 0.3 hectares and the retention or relocation on-site of the multi-use games area (MUGA).
- 2.2 The land does not currently generate any income for the Charity and for many years it has been used as non-designated public open space. There is a MUGA on the site, which was provided and paid for by the District Council.
- 2.3 Although there is no formal agreement between the Council and the Charity, the Council has effectively met all maintenance costs for the land in lieu of a payment to the Charity of a licence fee in recognition of it allowing the MUGA to be sited on the land and it being used as open space.
- 2.4 In July 2017, following two incidents of unauthorised encampments by travellers that resulted in significant costs to: secure their removal; clean up the site; and replace a security gate that had been damaged - the Trustee Board considered the future of the land. The Board concluded, at the time, that it was not in the interests of the Charity to retain the land given that the land had development value, the Charity was not receiving an income from the use of the land, and that it was facing recurring costs.
- 2.5 The land was advertised for sale and informal tenders were sought for offers to purchase it. Following independent external surveyor's advice, the most favourable offer received was accepted, subject to contract. The most favourable offer received was from Nottingham Community Housing Association (NCHA) in the sum of £610,000.

3.0 Update on Sale

- 3.1 The offer made by NCHA was subject to the grant of "*an implementable planning consent, defined as a scheme of 32 affordable housing units*". However, in October 2019, following difficulties experienced during the planning application process it was reported to the Board that NCHA had revised their original offer for the land.

- 3.2 NCHA had concluded that to achieve planning policy compliance and thereby secure planning consent they would need to reduce proposed unit numbers for the site to 24. This, coupled with the significant abnormal cost from the on-site re-provision of the MUGA and the MUGA adoption commuted sum, resulted in the NCHA making a revised offer for the land of £300k.
- 3.3 The Board agreed to seek advice from the Charity's independent surveyor on the revised offer from NCHA and on other possible options open to the Charity concerning the desirability or otherwise of the proposed disposition of the land. This was in the context of the Charity's obligations to consider the best interests of the Charity and comply with charity law that any disposition must be the best that can reasonably be obtained for the Charity.
- 3.4 Wood Moore & Co, the Charity's independent surveyor has since confirmed that NCHA have withdrawn from the purchase of the land.

4.0 Alternative Options for the Land

- 4.1 Now that the proposed sale of the land to NCHA has fallen through it is timely for the Board to consider the various options for the land afresh. There are a range of options available, and these are set out below:
- 4.1.1 **Re-advertise the land for disposal on the open market** – The land remains an allocated site of some significant value, and the Council's duty as Trustee is to act in the best interests of the Charity. This duty would preclude the Charity from taking deliberate action to de-value the site – such as applying to the Council as the Local Planning Authority for it to be de-allocated. If the Board wished to pursue the option of disposal for development, then in order to comply with Charity law requirements, a report covering the various matters listed in the Charities (Qualified Surveyors' Reports) Regulations 1992 would need to be obtained from the charity's surveyor. The report would include an opinion as to whether it is in the Charity's interests to dispose of the land at this point in time, and whether the land should be disposed of with its current planning status or whether the Charity should seek detailed consent before offering it for sale.
- 4.1.2 **Retain the land as Charity property with its use as amenity field and public open space** – This is effectively retaining the 'status quo' position. This option means that the charity would derive no income from the use of the land and would have the liability of ongoing maintenance (albeit that the cost of this is currently met by the District Council – as detailed in paragraph 2.3 above). However, it should be noted that the use of the land as amenity field and open space does fit with the objects of the Charity. The object of the charity is expressed as follows:

"The object of the charity is the general benefit of the inhabitants of the area of benefit in such charitable ways for the public benefit as the trustee thinks fit."

The use of the land as open space and playing field does come within the definition of 'general benefit' of the inhabitants. The area of benefit of the charity is the area of the parish of Newark. If the Board considers this to be the most appropriate use for the land this option is feasible.

- 4.1.3 **Dispose of the land to a public body or other organisation to retain as an amenity field and public open space** – This option could involve the freehold transfer or lease to another organisation or body to be used as a public open space (POS), assuming that there was interest in doing this from another organisation or body. If the land were to be sold or leased for amenity use then the Charity could effectively be foregoing a substantial capital receipt since the value of amenity land is substantially lower than the value of a developable site. If this option were to be pursued there would need to be covenants applied to ensure that it was retained for use as POS in perpetuity, and not used for any other purpose (i.e. developed), and approval from the Charity Commission might need to be obtained. Appropriate legal provisions to allow for a deferred capital receipt to the Charity should development occur at some stage in the future would also be prudent. An alternative approach could be a leasehold disposal, which would have the benefit of providing the charity with an annual rental income. If this option were favoured, then it would need to be explored further.

Another approach could be that there is no actual disposal and that the site be managed by NSDC/another body on a formal basis as a recreational facility. If this were preferred, then some consideration should be given by the Trustee Board as to whether the Charity should derive an income from such an arrangement to compensate for the opportunity cost of not having had a capital receipt that could be put to use in pursuance of its charitable aims. If this approach were preferred, then the Board would require independent valuation advice as to what an appropriate income would be. The Council's relevant committees would then need to consider whether the Council wished to take on the management formally and at the cost proposed by the Board.

- 4.2 The charity's independent surveyor has been asked to provide advice on the different options above and give an opinion on the implications on value. The advice received from Wood Moore & Co is attached as an exempt **Appendix B** to this report. If the Board wished to explore further, as a preferred option, any of those listed in paragraphs 4.1.1 and 4.1.3, the surveyor would need to give a red book valuation to comply with charity law requirements before any proposal is finalised.

Alternate Proposal

- 4.3 An alternate proposal has been received for the development of the site into a 'Children's Wood and Wildlife Meadow'. This proposal was submitted by the Winthorpe Estate Residents Group (just prior to the Pandemic) – although it should be noted that the named individuals who constitute the group are unknown and they have declined to identify themselves when requested to do so previously. A copy of their proposal is attached to this report as **Appendix C**.
- 4.4 If the Board wishes to consider this proposal further, then it is suggested that more investigation, time and thought would need to be given to ascertain accurate costings. Whilst the proposal indicates that the facilities could be achieved with 'minimal financial support' it does not contain any detail about how this would be funded. The proposal includes 'accessible' play equipment, which is expensive and would have ongoing maintenance requirements. Such schemes (accessible or mainstream/traditional) are likely to cost in the region of tens' of thousands of pounds and a proposal would be required in order to provide a suitable cost plan. In addition, the proposal includes an ambitious planting scheme and solar lighting for columns to illuminate the footpath – all of which

would need properly costing. In terms of delivering the scheme, there are undoubtedly elements that the community could support, such as some planting, but the main infrastructure would need to be delivered by specialist contractors – particularly the accessible play equipment.

- 4.5 There are also two other aspects of the proposal that would require careful thought by the Board, given its obligations as Trustee. These relate to the suggestion that the Charity protect the land through a Deed of Dedication with Fields in Trust, which would effectively preserve the land as amenity land in perpetuity, and to create a public right of way over the land. Both of these matters would need to be considered by the Trustee Board as to whether they would be in the best interests of the Charity.

5.0 Financial Comments

- 5.1 As per section 4.1 there are potentially three options for the piece of land, the continued sale of the development site will gain a significant capital receipt. The second and third options will require further negotiations and agreements before the financial information can be fully identified and reported.

6.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the Board consider the options detailed in the report for the future use, retention or disposal of the of the land off Cedar Avenue/Lincoln Road, Newark.

Reason for Recommendation

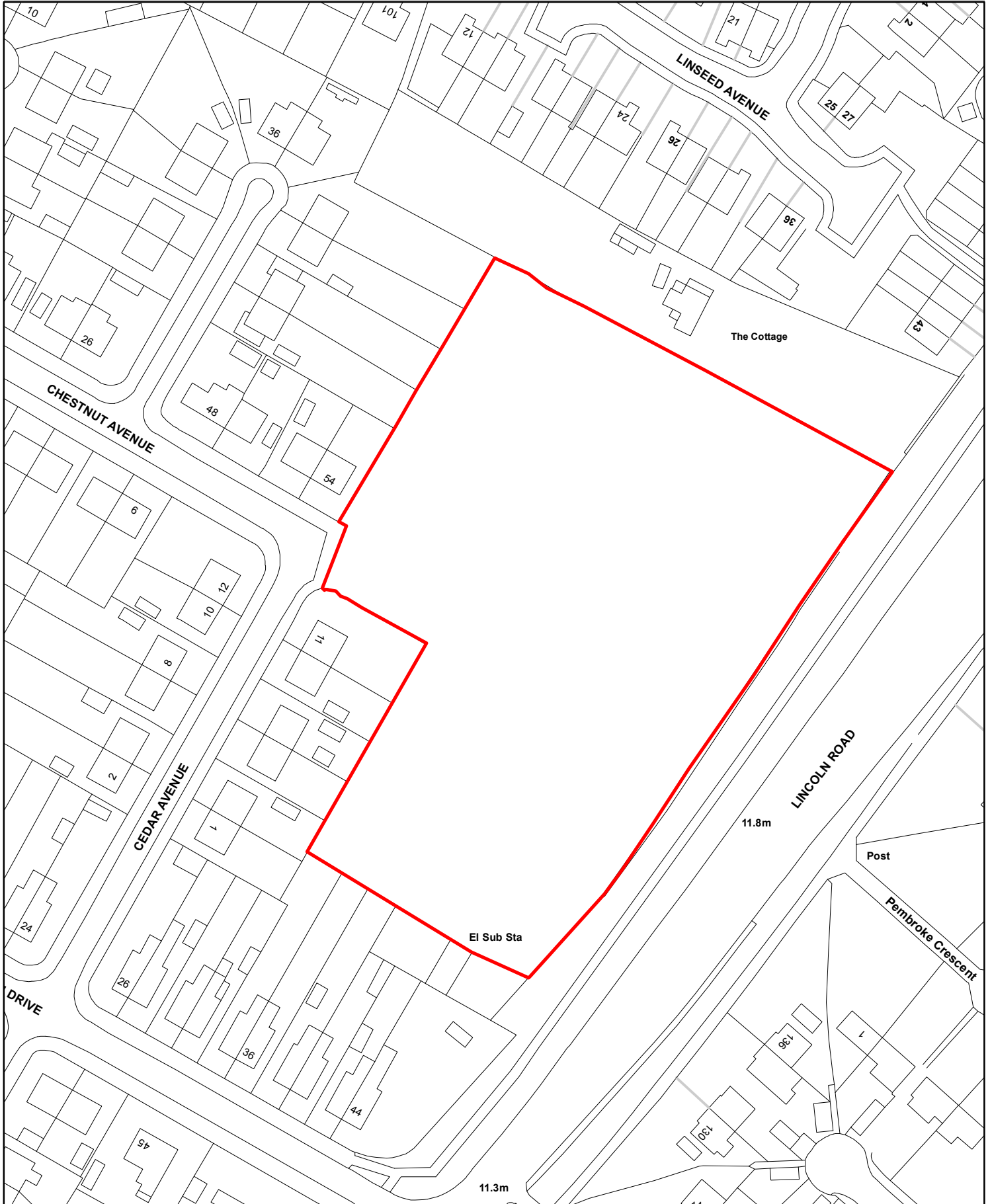
To consider the best option for the future of the land at Cedar Avenue/Lincoln Road for the interests of the Gilstrap charity.

Background Papers

None

For further information please contact Karen White on Extension 5240.

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The Gilstrap Children's Wood and Wildlife Meadow

**WINTHORPE ESTATE RESIDENTS GROUP
ALTERNATE PROPOSAL**





Our Dream & Vision.

This New Proposal will fulfil the Charitable objectives & obligations of the Gilstrap Charity, Newark and Sherwood District Council 's deceleration of a Climate Emergency, Tree planting scheme and the "Pocket Parks Programme" introduced by the Communities Secretary Robert Jenrick.

The Gilstrap Charity Children's Wood & Wildlife Meadow.

With the current proposals of redevelopment of Yorke Drive adding to the growing Green Space Deficit locally,

https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=611915669314521&id=154161975089895

The Gilstrap Charity Children's Wood & Wildlife Meadow will be the last non prescribed open green space in the Bridge Ward.

This space is vitally important for our local community, with minimal financial support it could be a place where people continue to get together to walk dogs, picnic, garden and play. It's a space where everyone can come together without the financial pressure of pay to play.

The Children's Wood with local groups, Schools, Academy's, Nurseries and Council could host regular events with the aim to connect people to nature, raise aspirations and involve people in the management of the land. People are increasingly disconnected from nature and this is having serious mental and physical health implications. Our Proposal of The Gilstrap Charity Children's Wood & Wildlife Meadow can redress the imbalance right in the heart of our community.

The Gilstrap Charity Children's Wood & Wildlife meadow could be accessed at any time of day or night by families, adults, carers, schools, our community and wildlife.



Proposal concept Key:

1. Picnic benches and Accessible Picnic benches

2. Multi Use Games Arena refurbished.

3. Public Footpath

4. Ambitious planting scheme.

5. Solar lighting.

6. Accessible Play Equipment

7. Open non prescribed Green Space



Despite living in a society where materially life has been good, some things are getting worse and society is noticing an increasing number of problems associated with modern living such as depression, anxiety, obesity, food poverty, the achievement gap and so on. We believe The Gilstrap Charity Children's Wood & Wildlife Meadow can play a role in tackling some of these 21st Century problems and minimise the impact of the more challenging aspects of modern living. Being outside, even if it's just to play and have fun, can reduce anxiety and increase self-esteem and attention span in children. The same is true for adults and for problems like depression; spending time in nature can be as effective as antidepressants in reducing symptoms. It's a simple, free, activity with no side effects. Not only can the land help to alleviate negative feelings and thoughts but it can boost well-being and help people and our community to flourish.

Rewild a Child and support our Alternate proposal, The Gilstrap Charity Children's Wood and Wildlife Meadow for Cedar Avenue Park.

Help put nature back into childhood. Because all our lives are better when they're a bit wild.

Children's contact with the natural world is in decline. Only 10% of

children now spend time in wild places, compared to 40% of their parents when they were young.

The increase in screen time, the pressures of schoolwork, parental fears and a decrease in accessible green space have all contributed to a decline in 'wildplay', leaving our children divorced from nature in their formative years.

If children continue to be disconnected from nature, they will not value and care for it in the future. Children who spend less time in nature also suffer in their health and wellbeing and miss out on opportunities to develop physically and mentally.

We're working to make nature a part of growing up again. From imaginative play in woodlands to pond-dipping and getting wet and muddy, this builds confident, healthy and happy children and makes a connection with nature that can last a lifetime



Protecting Spaces

- Deed of Dedication with ownership and management remaining at local level
- Wide range of outdoor spaces
- Millions in improvements funds
- Activation projects, targeting the inactive
- Tangible legacy

The slide features a photo of a group of children in white t-shirts standing in a grassy field. The 'fit fields in trust' logo is in the top right corner. The bottom of the slide has a silhouette of a dog jumping over a grassy field.

For this proposal to happen The Gilstrap Charity will need to protect the land through a Deed of Dedication with Fields In Trust. It's a robust yet flexible way to do it. The Deed is a legally binding document which means the proposed Gilstrap Charity Children's Wood & Wildlife Meadow is protected for future generations to enjoy.

If successful, our alternate proposal *"The Gilstrap Children's Wood and Wildlife Meadow"* will be the only Park in Newark and Sherwood that will have accessible play equipment.

we cannot find any other examples where families can play on multiple equipment together regardless of physical ability, non-discriminatory, allowing families to play, learn and get back to nature as families.



An ambitious tree planting scheme along with shrubs, wildflowers, wildlife and child friendly soft landscaping would give nature a home and provide vital "Green Lungs" to our heavily polluted community absorbing carbon contributing towards NSDC's carbon neutral target.

Community veg growing, Community gardening, Community events, Play Groups, Outdoor learning, Sensory Garden, Education, Forest Schools, Bush craft workshops, open green space, Dog Walking, just sit and enjoy nature, the possibilities this proposal presents are endless.



↓ ↓ Our mood board album can be found here ↓ ↓

<http://www.facebook.com/winthorpeestate/albums/749914318847988/?scmts=scwspstd&extid=wAUWYhImUTITaEIs>

Thank you for taking the time to read our proposal and allocating time in the committee meeting for discussion.

Kind Regards,

Winthorpe Estate Residents Group.

The Gilstrap Children's Wood and Wildlife Meadow

**WINTHORPE ESTATE RESIDENTS
ALTERNATE PROPOSAL**



Our Dream & Vision.

This New Proposal will fulfil the Charitable objectives & obligations of the Gilstrap Charity, Newark and Sherwood District Council 's deceleration of a Climate Emergency, Tree planting scheme and the "Pocket Parks Programme" introduced by the Communities Secretary Robert Jenrick.

The Gilstrap Charity Children's Wood & Wildlife Meadow.

With the current proposals of redevelopment of Yorke Drive adding to the growing Green Space Deficit locally,

The Gilstrap Charity Children's Wood & Wildlife Meadow will be the last non prescribed open green space in the Bridge Ward.

This space is vitally important for our local community, with minimal financial support it could be a place where people continue to get together to walk dogs, picnic, garden and play. It's a space where everyone can come together without the financial pressure of pay to play.

The Children's Wood with local groups, Schools, Academy's, Nurseries and Council could host regular events with the aim to connect people to nature, raise aspirations and involve people in the management of the land. People are increasingly disconnected from nature and this is having

serious mental and physical health implications. Our Proposal of The Gilstrap Charity Children's Wood & Wildlife Meadow can redress the imbalance right in the heart of our community.

The Gilstrap Charity Children's Wood & Wildlife meadow could be accessed at any time of day or night by families, adults, carers, schools, our community and wildlife.



Proposal concept Key:

- 1. Picnic benches and Accessible Picnic benches**
- 2. Multi Use Games Arena refurbished.**
- 3. Public Footpath**
- 4. Ambitious planting scheme.**
- 5. Solar lighting.**
- 6. Accessible Play Equipment**
- 7. Open non prescribed Green Space**



materially life has been good, some things



are getting worse and society is noticing an increasing number of problems associated with modern living such as depression, anxiety, obesity, food poverty, the achievement gap and so on. We believe The Gilstrap Charity Children's Wood & Wildlife Meadow can play a role in tackling some of these 21st Century problems and minimise the impact of the more challenging aspects of modern living. Being outside, even if it's just to play and have fun, can reduce anxiety and increase self-esteem and attention span in children. The same is true for adults and for problems like depression; spending time in nature can be as effective as antidepressants in reducing symptoms. It's a simple, free, activity with no side effects. Not only can the land help to alleviate negative feelings and thoughts but it can boost well-being and help people and our community to flourish.

Rewild a Child and support our
Alternate proposal, The Gilstrap Charity Children's Wood and Wildlife
Meadow for Cedar Avenue Park.

Help put nature back into childhood. Because all our lives are better when they're a bit wild.

Children's contact with the natural world is in decline. Only 10% of children now spend time in wild places, compared to 40% of their parents when they were young.

The increase in screen time, the pressures of schoolwork, parental fears and a decrease in accessible green space have all contributed to a decline in 'wildplay', leaving our children divorced from nature in their formative years.

If children continue to be disconnected from nature, they will not value and care for it in the future. Children who spend less time in nature also suffer

in their health and wellbeing and miss out on opportunities to develop physically and mentally.

We're working to make nature a part of growing up again. From imaginative play in woodlands to pond-dipping and getting wet and muddy, this builds confident, healthy and happy children and makes a connection with nature that can last a lifetime



Protecting Spaces

- Deed of Dedication with ownership and management remaining at local level
- Wide range of outdoor spaces
- Millions in improvements funds
- Activation projects, targeting the inactive
- Tangible legacy



For this proposal to happen The Gilstrap Charity will need to protect the land through a Deed of Dedication with Fields In Trust. It's a robust yet flexible way to do it. The Deed is a legally binding document which means the proposed Gilstrap Charity Children's Wood & Wildlife Meadow is protected for future

generations to enjoy.

If successful, our alternate proposal *"The Gilstrap Children's Wood and Wildlife Meadow"* will be the only Park in Newark and Sherwood that will have accessible play equipment.

we cannot find any other examples where families can play on multiple equipment together regardless of physical ability, non-discriminatory, allowing families to play, learn and get back to nature as families.



An ambitious tree planting scheme along with shrubs, wildflowers, wildlife and child friendly soft landscaping would give nature a home and provide vital "Green Lungs" to our heavily polluted community absorbing carbon contributing towards NSDC's carbon neutral target.

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Lucy, Lee, Russ & Ryan

The Gilstrap Charity Children's Wood & Wildlife Meadow Committee

TRUSTEE BOARD OF THE GILSTRAP AND WILLIAM EDWARD KNIGHT CHARITIES

4 MARCH 2021

UPDATE ON GRANTS AWARDED

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide the Trustees with an update following the decisions taken at their meeting held on 2 October 2020 to award grant funding to the Newark Civic Trust and the Newark R&M Cricket Club, and to request further details from the organiser of the Newark Book Festival.

2.0 Background Information

Newark Civic Trust

- 2.1 The Trustees gave consideration to an application for grant funding by the Newark Civic Trust. The Trust were seeking a contribution of either £2,500 or £1,918 to assist with the revision of 6 of the 8 town trails.
- 2.2 Having considered the proposal the Trustees agreed to award the full amount requested, subject to the Trust considering the following suggestions:
- i) combine some of the less popular trails to reduce the number of leaflets printed, thereby reducing costs and that consideration be given to the production of a booklet, to include advertising space to create an income;
 - ii) that an online presence for the town trails information be introduced; and
 - iii) that a partnership be entered into with Newark College to build leaflet display boards for the town trail leaflets.
- 2.3 Should the Trust not be in agreement to the above suggestions, the Trustees agreed that the sum awarded would be £1,918.00.

Newark Book Festival

- 2.4 The Trustees gave consideration to an application for grant funding by the organiser of the Newark Book Festival who was seeking a contribution towards the shortfall in the cost of providing the festival in 2020. It was noted that the shortfall was £9,634.00.
- 2.5 In considering the proposal the Trustees determined that they wished to see more than one year's financial accounts and deferred consideration of the application until they were provided.

Newark R&M Cricket Club Project

- 2.7 The Trustees gave consideration to a report which provided an update on progress of the Cricket Club's ground development project. The report set out that planning permission had been sought and refused due to accessibility issues. Therefore the Club were seeking additional funding for the installation of a lift on the front external stairs with the internal access to both sides of the building being reconfigured. The funding sought was in the sum of £13,134.

2.8 In considering the proposal the Trustees agreed to award the sum as requested.

3.0 Responses Received

Newark Civic Trust

- 3.1 Details of the grant awarded were forwarded to Mr. Michael Knapton, Chairman of the Newark Civic Trust for consideration. Mr. Knapton forwarded a letter to the Clerk to the Trustees dated 13 December 2020 thanking the Board of Trustees for their generous offer.
- 3.2 Having considered both offers the Trust decided to accept the lower offer of £1,918 and advised that if required, they would provide further details for that decision.

Newark Book Festival

- 3.3 A letter was forwarded to the organiser of the Festival advising of the Trustees' decision but to-date no response has been received.

Newark R&M Cricket Club

- 3.4 A letter was forwarded to the Cricket Club advising them of the Trustees' decision to award an additional £13,134 in funding.
- 3.5 On checking with the Assistant Business Manager – Financial Services the Cricket Club have not made a request to access the additional funding and, to date, of the total allocation of £113,134.00, only £5,000 has been drawn down.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the contents of the report be noted.

Background Papers

Nil

For further information please contact Helen Brandham on 01636 655248 or helen.brandham@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk.

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