

DAFFODIL FIELD RECREATION AREA, WHITLEY

SUMMARY OF RECENT PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING

ALL SAINTS PARISH CHURCH, WHITLEY

SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2009

The meeting ran from 11am until 3pm as advertised on the flyer which was distributed throughout the village. Parish councillors Kath Walton, Simon Humphrey, Jack Davie, Sue White & John Watson were on hand throughout along with design consultants Peter Murphy and Nick from Groundworks Selby. Thanks must go to Kath & Pauline for organising the event and providing refreshments including home made cakes.

More than fifty villagers attended to view the plans and were able to make their points and suggestions directly to designer Nick and parish councillors. All these points were collated along with a small number of comments sent by phone and email and will be used by Nick to address the issues raised and produce a new design. Residents were encouraged to leave brief contact details, and these showed that villagers had attended from throughout the community, were of all age groups, and reflected a wide range of years resident in the community. A number of offers of support and help were made and it is likely a 'friends of the daffodil field action group' can be formed.

Legitimate concerns raised included

- privacy and security of adjoining residents
- possibility of anti-social behavior and litter
- parking
- disabled & pedestrian access
- issues of flooding and overall quality of the landscaping
- costs of maintenance
- provision of facilities for all age groups

However the overall response was extremely positive and supportive of the project generally.

The parish council and Groundworks Selby have now agreed to

- submit a planning application for change of use
- redesign the project to include points raised
- continue to promote the project locally
- move to secure funding to start a phased development of the site

Simon Humphrey
Chair, Whitley Parish Council
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