

Community Park / Owmbly and Normanby Parish Councils Meeting
3 May 2018

Present: Keith Hanson, Isabelle Brooke – Community Park Committee
Graham Crompton-Howe, Charlotte – Owmbly Parish Council
John Fox, Nadine Fox – Normanby Parish Council
Katrina – LOAC

The exact problem that had caused the meeting to be called was not clearly specified, other than a vague worry about the constitution and independence of the Committee. During the course of discussion, it was mentioned that the land was owned jointly by the Parish Councils. At which point Katrina became firm that the Committee would have to be a sub-committee appointed by the two Parish Councils and went on to say that an independent body would not be able to seek grants for use for land that it did not own. This does seem to be a reasonable argument that I don't think has been discussed before.

The procedure she said would be the correct one would be:

- Owmbly and Normanby Parish Councils agree Terms of Reference (based on existing constitution; Katrina to read and give any advice) and a budget (£12K from Trustees & £2K grant) although this can be amended during the financial year if more grants or other funds are received.
- The Committee will have delegated powers within the Terms of Reference to spend the budgeted funds.
- Parish Councils appoint individuals (those already on the Committee) to the Committee for the year, to be re-appointed annually at the PCs Annual Meetings. Those individuals who are not Parish councillors must fill in DPI (?) forms.
- The Committee elects its own officers, may form sub-committees/working parties and conducts its business in line with Local Government procedures.
- Minutes of meetings to be received by Parish Councils.
- Meeting where major decisions are taken held as 'public' meetings, i.e. agendas published, formal vote taken, minutes published etc. Four meetings per year to be held in this way.

The famous £10K should not have gone to the Trust as it is part of a Section 106 Agreement not a gift. The proposal is that the £12K we requested will go into Owmbly PC Reserve Account and invoices will be paid from there, with the possibility of reclaiming VAT.

I think the important thing is for the Terms of Reference to delegate powers to spend agreed funds. Once that is done, we will be free to get on with things with only the need to report progress to the PCs.

It was also suggested that Angie Hanson could join the Committee so that the balance of Councillors is more equal. Chris will be happy to step down to make way for her.