GREENING EDGEFIELD

Minutes meeting held NNDC Offices, Holt Road, Cromer Thursday 8th December 2022, 3pm.

Present:

Mark Cook (MC)Anne Harrap (AH)Renata GarfootGraham ConnollyAmanda Yacoubian (Clerk)Cllr Andrew Brown (North Norfolk District Councillor)

Council apologised for the delay in dealing with this case however there have been other cases more urgent to deal with and staffing issues.

Renata said the proposal is great and has approval however there needs to be discussions for funding and the length of lease.

To obtain funding there needs to be a long lease, longer than 3 years. Both areas are to be treated as a whole. NNDC stated that there could be flexibility however in the first instance NNDC wanted a 3 year lease and this could then be reviewed every 3 years. The Council has a key propriety to provide housing and does not want to omit this piece of land from the possibility of being developed. It was suggested that Broadlands would not be in a position to build on the land for many years, a five year lease could be agreed and then looked at again in 5 years.

NNDC would like to see security in the form of funding & plans before granting the 5 year lease. This could all be up and running by Summer, NNDC do not want the granting of the 5 year lease to be delayed much after Summer 2023.

It is unlikely that the Greening project will have to fund itself regarding legal fees, The council are currently maintaining the grass and will make a saving on this so this is beneficial to them. The Council have put the gate in place. Greening Edgefield will seek funding for the project. The Council will cut the grass before handing it over.

It was mentioned that new guidelines will be coming out in the Spring and things may change, 5 years is a long time and a lot may change in this period.

Funding opportunities will need to be looked into that will supply funding on Council owned land, Orsted may be a possibility, Graham suggested contacting Brisley PC, re funding. Boundaries need addressing & establishing, PC & NNDC will correspond regarding the gate & who cuts the hedges & grass & where the boundaries lie. This will be looked into, discussed at the next PC meeting on 19th December and report back to the Council in the New Year.