

List of Responses and Correspondence

Item 6.4

- following the Chandlers Way Pocket Park letter distribution

Email 1.

Hello John,

Thank you for your letter regarding the Chandlers Way Pocket Park and Playground.

I live at number [REDACTED] Chandlers way which backs on to park. Some time ago, I had wondered about suggesting that the park, or at least part of it, could become a nature reserve. Hence, I am in favour of exploring the idea with the aim of creating a more useful, interesting and nature friendly environment.

I agree that public gardens help absorb rainwater and hence reduce the chance of flooding. However, the grassed area in the park already fulfils that function and, I suggest, that this aspect isn't promoted as a reason for changes.

My thoughts are:

1. A grass, bark or gravel path should meander through the area to allow visitors to see all aspects of the park. It would make the park seem larger. Swings, see-saws, etc could be located along the path. This would give children the chance to explore nature and parents to explain about how plants, insects, birds, etc are important.

2. My view is that only native trees suitable for a domestic garden should be planted. It is too small an area for large trees which would take light away from the surrounding gardens and other plants in the park.

3. Could fundraising events be held? No doubt Steyning Greening will be in favour of the changes.

4. Some labour will be required. This could be provided by experts within Horsham District Council but perhaps a "Friends of Pocket Park" should be formed. There are lots of people within the community who have both the expertise and time. Others will no doubt be happy to follow guidance.

5. Once the park is improved it will need maintaining, otherwise, brambles and more prolific plants will take over. Again "Friends of Pocket Park" could be part of the solution.

I will be happy to work with others in taking this interesting idea forward,

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

Email 2.

Good morning.

To save everyone a lot of time and wasted effort as occurred last time, please be aware that the Service Road that runs between the play area and the back of the Laines Road houses, belongs to the Laines Road Houses, so please discount any idea of putting in a gate in the back fence as was proposed last time to have public access to the park.

Other than that good luck with it all.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Laines Road, since moving in in 1965

Email 3.

Hi

Thank you for the letter hand delivered yesterday to chandler's way residents. It would be lovely to have the area better utilised. I frequently use the park with my grandchildren.

I very much like the proposal of a play area and wildlife area and would be very interested in being involved in any further discussions

My name is [REDACTED] and I live at [REDACTED] chandlers way

Kind regards

Sent from my iPad

Email 4 (correspondence).

Hello John,

Thanks for the instant response. Yes, I will be happy to take part in the working party to discuss the details.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

On 22/03/2022 10:55, Steyning Parish Council - Clerk wrote:

> Dear [REDACTED]

> Very many thanks for your communication.

> Much of what you suggest is along the lines of that which has been put forward by SP councillors, Steyning for Trees, and Greening Steyning - so this is very heartening to know that we might be going along the right lines as those most likely to use the facility.

> Would you be interested in taking part in a working party to discuss the details of what is to be installed?

> Let me know and I will inform the Parish Committee either way and come back to you, if you don't mind, when we move the project forward - which will hopefully be in the near future.

> Kind regards

> John

Email 5.

Hi

I received your letter yesterday regarding this park. I live in the house on the boundary at the back of the park, on Hills Road and I am thrilled with your idea. I've felt it has not been well used at all since the football was stopped and in these times of climate change, trees and greenery play a positive part in trapping carbon dioxide.

An idea I have is regarding plants. Obviously, it all costs but I propose that local people could contribute. I for example have a dwarf Alberta spruce that I'd like to rehome, not to mention the ever-spreading border plants.

I'm fine about the play park, it's the other end of the field to me so doesn't feel as if there's any potential impact.

Best regards

Judith Gresham

Email 6.

Many thanks for the notification and I think this is a wonderful idea.

As a resident of Laines Road and having raised my children here I would like to see a gate added on the Laines Roadside of the park. This may well increase the usage?

[REDACTED]

Email 7 (Correspondence).

Yes I think I would. I have the longest boundary with the park by a long way so it makes sense.

Regards

[REDACTED]

On Wed, 23 Mar 2022, 11:34 Steyning Parish Council - Clerk, <clerk@steyningpc.gov.uk> wrote:

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for these positive comments – It's heartening to know that we are possibly on the right track. If we were to set up a working party to discuss what's to be put in the park and then a 'Friends of Chandlers way' group, would you be interested in putting your name forward?

Please let me know

Kind regards, John

Email 8 (Correspondence).

Hi John

Thanks for your reply. I would possibly be interested but not sure that I am in a position to contribute that much as I feel parents/ teachers with children of the age that the park is to be designed for would be more helpful?

[REDACTED]

Steyning Parish Council - Clerk <clerk@steyningpc.gov.uk> wrote:

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> *Kind regards*

> *John*

Email 9.

Dear Sir/Madam

We live at [REDACTED] Chandlers Way which backs on to the open grass space where the proposed pocket park and play area are under discussion. We fully support the plan for sustainable public garden which would attract wildlife to the area. We would like to see a flower meadow and pond area with trees, winding paths and seats. In the play area perhaps a living willow play den for the children. Insect houses and bird boxes with logs to climb on.

Please can we be informed of any future meetings as we would like to become involved with the working group.

Yours Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Email 10.

Hello John,

Regarding this unused area, we think it would be brilliant to see it put to good use. A small area for the little residents would I'm sure be very welcome.

The rest of the field we feel should be made into a peaceful garden with lots of colour, where people could just sit & enjoy nature. We suggest no grass as we don't want to encourage football games, older residents might like to come with their dogs when out for a walk so dogs should be allowed on a lead only.

Yours

Correspondence 11.

from Chandlers Way

Came into the Office to see me

Her comments as follows regards the Children's play area. – thought the slide was a bit small, and the picnic bench probably unnecessary as there were so few that used the Park at present. In fact she reckons there are currently only two families that walk there dog there, and very occasionally over the Summer Hols kids will play a ball game or two.

Her main thought was that she was really happy about the idea.

Correspondence 12.

Newham Lane
Steyning
West Sussex
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22.3.22

Chandlers Way Pocket Park.

Dear Parish Council & John.

A brilliant plan for a
little used grassed space.

I think the working group
should consist of a younger
group of people than me!

Best regards.

Email 13.

Dear Mr Fullbrook and Ms Roxby

Thank you for your letter dated 8 March 2022 regarding improvements to the Chandlers Way Pocket Park and Play Area.

It would be good to see the play area and open space being used more by the local community. In particular, we very much like the idea of creating a wildlife haven which could be enjoyed by children and adults alike.

We would like to be involved and to attend a meeting to discuss the options you have suggested.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

Newham Lane
BN44 [REDACTED]

Email 14 (Correspondence).

Thank you, John, we look forward to meeting you.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

On Mon, 28 Mar 2022 at 15:29, Steyning Parish Council - Clerk <clerk@steyningpc.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for this positive comment, and great news that you would be interested in being part of a working party to consider what we put into the park – I will certainly come back to you and let you know when we are going to get together.

Kind regards, John

Email 15.

Dear John Fullbrook,

thank you for your letter regarding Chandlers Way Park. I agree that this area is totally underused and could make a lovely playpark and nature area. I fully support upgrading the current playground and I am definitely in support of making a pocket park incorporating a design that attracts more wildlife.

I am keen that there are wildflower areas, some suitable trees planted and seating areas. I would also be keen for an area of water to attract more wildlife and for consideration of a communal vegetable garden incorporated into the design.

I would be happy to be contacted about being on the working party but am also quite busy so cannot devote too much time at present to this plan. I am happy to be contacted by email or telephone about the project. My husband Steve also fully supports the idea and we have fond memories of using the park when our children were younger. We both feel that an upgrade and making good use of the space to provide a wildlife haven is important.

kind regards, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Hills Road, Steyning