

Summer 2009 Winchfield extract

Winchfield Recreational Area Project (WRAP) Update

The Graig and Penllyn Residents Association "GPRA" initiated a public consultation in September 2008. As a result a number of suggestions were made. The overwhelming and most favourable response was to the suggestion for improving access to the field for a multitude of reasons. The proposal submitted for funding, is for a multi-purpose path which will provide access to members of the public for leisure and recreational activities e.g. walking, running, cycling and roller skating.

This path will be approximately 783.89 meters long with a width of 1.8 meters. It will be tarmac construction with timber edging. A dedicated children's section of the path will be in the children's play area and will be colour coated accordingly. It is sufficiently wide to allow cyclists, wheelchairs and buggies to pass safely and it will connect to the existing access points to the field (see outline

on the plan). The positioning and width has also been considered to reflect the views of residents that it is in keeping with the village environment as much as possible. A tarmac surface was considered to be the most robust material that will require low maintenance which was another consideration made by residents. The path will run flush with the grass level to allow for easy grass cutting and the use of sit on mowers. Resting areas have been incorporated into the path construction with a total of four benches and two picnic tables. These areas have also considered grass cutting difficulties. The wooden benches and picnic tables are made of aesthetically appropriate material which reflects the rural environment. Another consideration which has been included into the budget is the dispersion of the spoil on site and grass reinstatement costs. We have obtained quotes regarding this project and are now in the process of trying to obtain funding. We have made preliminary enquiries regarding planning permission. As it stands at the moment enquiries have been made and an informal opinion has been given. It is believed that the proposal could be permitted development under Part 12, Class A of the Town and Country Planning. However enquires are still in progress in relation to an application for a Lawful Development Certificate.

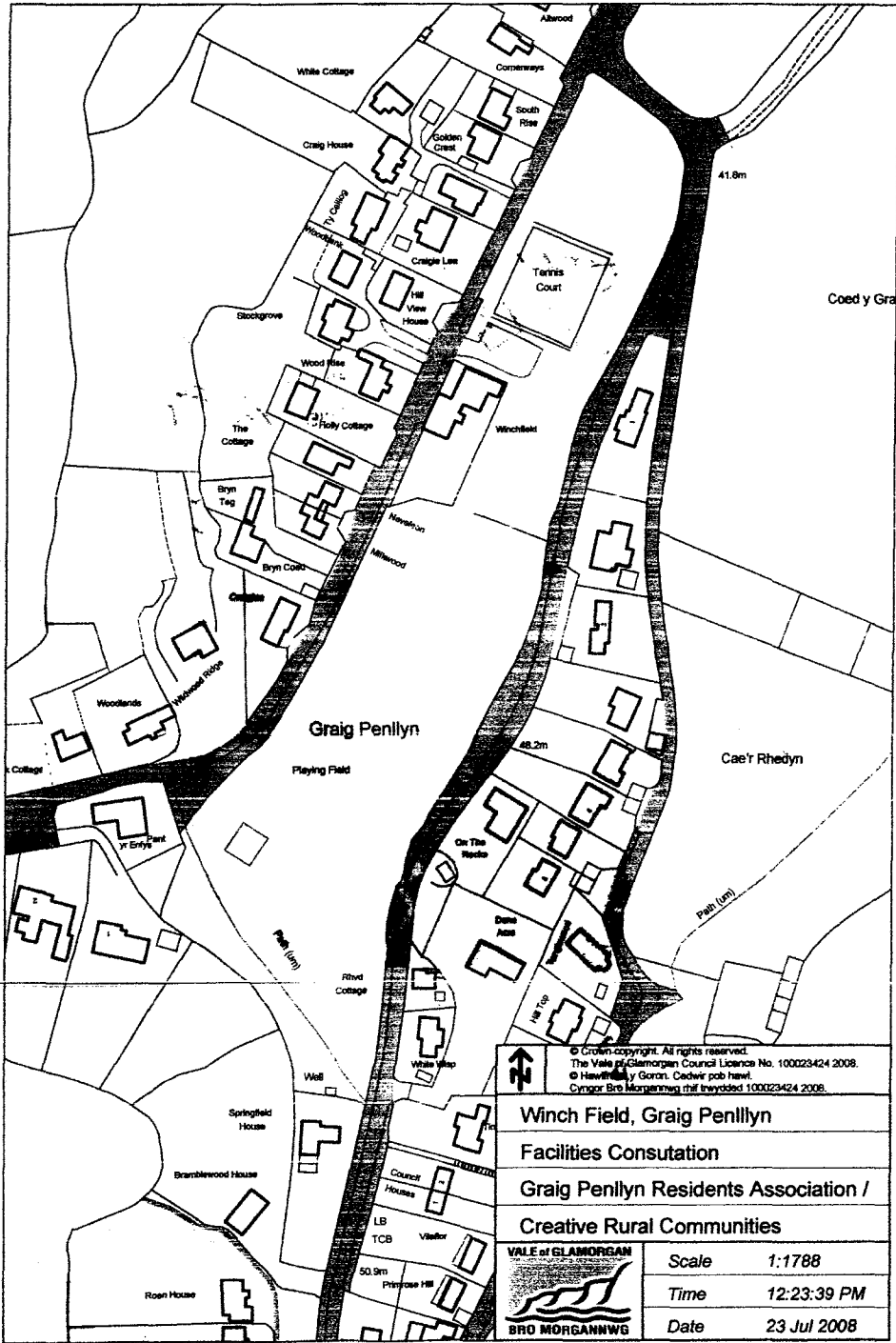
Applications for funding regarding this project are still ongoing.

Developments have also been made in relation to the maintenance of the field which was a concern for residents in September 2008. The Vale council are now doing more regular cuts and limited number of interim cut have been agreed by the community council.

We will endeavour to keep you updated with the progress of the Winchfield Project.

If you have any queries about this or any ideas of potential funders, do not hesitate to contact

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