

TUTBURY PARISH COUNCIL (TPC)

A meeting of the Parish Council and Tutbury Tigers Football team was held at Cornmill Lane Changing rooms Thursday 20th July 2017.

,Those present were), M Guest (Vice Chair, F Crossley, L Beighton,

Tutbury Tigers Howard Higginson, Jason Midgely

In attendance, Karen Duffill (Clerk)

07/17 CL/1.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from, Parish Councillor Cllrs C Smedley (Chairperson

07/17 CL/2.0 UPDATE AND REVIEW OF FACILITIES.

There were no maintenance issues reported in the changing rooms. The facilities were in good order. The team were very happy with the facilities and said that they were a lot better than other teams they visited. The cllrs agreed they were kept in good order.

The exterior of the buildings had brambles that were overgrown over the windows and required cutting back. The clerk will arrange for this to be done when the blackberry season is over.

The football team do have to clear smoking materials, bottles and broken glass from the area outside the changing rooms before use. They would prefer not to have to take the rubbish away, however the clerk confirmed that the requests for a bin had been refused by the Borough Council and a bin might lead to further anti-social behaviour. The clerk will inform the PCSO of this.

The football team were not aware of the dog bag facility on the side of the changing rooms. The clerk replaced the bags and will order more.

The pitch was improved by moving the goal posts away from the water-logged area near the hedge. The football team suggested that the pitch should be rolled if possible and that a few extra cuts at the beginning and end of the season may be required as the grass continues to grow. It was noted that the contract had been renewed for two years so extra cuts would need to be negotiated each time in the interim.

The wooden posts around the car park had disappeared and could be replaced but this was not essential the car parking was managed by the football team. Cllrs were concerned that if the area was used by other users it would not be obvious where the car parking should be. This should be considered in future plans.

The facilities were used, Tues, Weds, Thurs and Sundays. In the winter, they would be used every Sunday. The smaller pitch could be used more for the juniors.

07/17 CL/3.0 FUTUTE IMPROVEMENTS IDENTIFIED.

The football team requested a sign so that users could see that the pitch and facilities was visible from the road. The clerk advised a sign on the highway would need a licence that would cost around a £100. The position of the sign could be set behind the hedge and not on the highway instead.

An additional sign on the side of the building would also be an improvement.

The clerk requested the details of the sign could be emailed to her including the size, material, height, wordings and colours required. It was suggested that the sign could be 2m by 1m Jason Midgely agreed to get a quote and send it to the clerk.

The football team requested another set of keys. Cllrs stated that this has been investigated before and that they would not be able to get an extra key cut for the barrier. The lock on the barrier would need to be replaced with a lock that came with 6 keys. Jason Midgely agreed to investigate this and get a quote.

The clerk suggested that the key safe that was purchased could be used if it was mounted on the wall inside the gates to the changing rooms so not all keys would be required to be cut.

The football team said that a fence around the pitch would be useful and some benches on the pitch side.

The clerk suggested that there were grants available to improve football facilities and it may be worth collating a number of improvements and applying for a grant to upgrade the facility in one go rather than a piecemeal effort, to include floodlights, Astra turf on the MUGA (multi use sports area) and boards around it so it could be used for training when wet. This could then generate income for the council. The basketball nets would need to be moved back and the tennis net could be erected in the summer. The clerk passed the details of the funding to the football team to investigate. Further ideas included having picnic benches and a barbeque area and gazebo so the facilities could be used more socially.

ACTIONS

- The clerk will arrange for the brambles to be removed after the blackberry season.
- The clerk will inform the Police Community Support Officer of smoking and bottles outside the changing rooms.
- The clerk will order more dog bags.
- Jason Midgely would get some quotes for the signs required.
- Jason Midgely would investigate the barrier lock and get a quote to replace it.
- Jason Midgely would investigate the funding opportunity for improvements.
- Cllrs would present this report at the next available full parish council meeting.