



Online Drainage Project Steering Group Meeting 18th February 2021

Councillor Membership: David Goodwin (Chair), Linda Williams, Tristan Clark and Dave Hockey.

Sport club representatives: Rugby, Football, Cricket, Netball and Tennis.

1. Online meeting procedures.

Voting procedures explained. Project Officer noted the meeting would not be recorded.

2. Apologies for absence.

Linda Williams sent apologies and tendered resignation from the steering group.

Tennis club representative.

Netball club representative.

3. Noting of meeting notes 11th November.

No issues raised with 11th November meeting notes.

4. Project update.

General progress/timescales

Project Officer updated the group on satisfactory grass growth and informal visit from the Project Manager. Cricket raised that sandy mixture had settled on one spot and is not recovering adequately.

Site visits

The upcoming March site visit with the Project Manager was discussed. Due to COVID restrictions, sports clubs cannot attend but were encouraged to send any questions or queries to the Project Officer (Daisy) before the 3rd March.

Fencing

Cricket expressed concerns over the fencing and boundary to the outfield which has become muddy due to pedestrian traffic. Lesson learned for future reference to consider where fencing lies on pitch boundaries. Cricket club to identify their boundary on a map and send to FCPC.

Cricket queried the recovery of balls from fenced areas. To be confirmed by Project Manager.

RECCOMENDATION: For council to approve the office to work with clubs and project manager for a to investigate options for recovering cricket outfield boundaries.

5. Ducting/cabling update.

Project Officer gave an update on cabling for rugby club lights. To discuss with the Rugby Club closer to the September season.

6. Discussion of water irrigation for cricket pitches.

Current council stance.

Council previously resolved to fund an irrigation system of up to £20,000 from any underspend from the Pitch Improvements project (FC19.1864). However, as there may not be an underspend, this will be discussed at the 25th February Full Council meeting.

Temporary water irrigation.

If a temporary solution is needed, the following should be considered:

- The need to irrigate cricket squares on Saturdays after play has finished.
- Storage of temporary bowser.
- How to fill temporary bowser.
- How to transport temporary bowser.
- Moving equipment across muddy perimeter zones.

Long term water irrigation.

The long-term solution of a tank with underground pipes leading to hydrant boxes was summarised. Deadlines were discussed for the installation of a water system which cricket would use from late April/early May. Project Officer advised that a deadline should not be set due to awaiting council approval on an irrigation system and COVID-19 restrictions of contractors. The group suggested to recommend a deadline for the Council to aim toward where possible.

RECCOMENDATION: To aim to install a water irrigation solution ready for the cricket season by mid-April.

RECOMMENDATION: To work with cricket to come up with a solution for moving equipment across a muddy outfield if deemed necessary at the time.

7. Plan Bs for sports clubs for return to play.

- **Football Plan B:** The Football Club are hopeful to return to play in September, but if there are any minor delays the club could arrange away games for first few sessions.
- **Rugby Plan B:** Rugby club are also hopeful to return to play in September but could use other facilities if required.
- **Cricket Plan B:** Cricket have asked the Bristol District League to play away games at the beginning of season and are awaiting a response.

8. Pavilion Working Group membership.

All happy to join moving forward but the scope of the group and name to be addressed.

9. Date of next meeting.

To hold a meeting with the cricket club in March and a full group meeting in April.

Any Other Business

Chair asked Football and Rugby clubs to contact Project Officer regarding how much water is needed for the showers for information to support the installation of an Air Source Heat Pump.