

The Courts Development Working Group Meeting 14th June 2023

Present:

Tim Niblett FCPC (Chair)
Linda Williams FCPC
Alan Lankester FCPC
Tim Mason (FCCC)

1. Apologies

Matt Hemmings, Tristan Clark, and Martyn James

Election of Chair for the meeting

It was unanimous that Tim Niblett assumes the Chair

2. Notes of the meeting 17th May 2023

The notes had been circulated and were accepted

3. Action Tracker

The group noted that all actions to date were complete

4 Location for Wheels track, MUGA and pathways

Tim Niblett presented the map of potential sightings, as agreed at the last meeting, of the cricket nets, Muga, wheels track and pavilion. Tim Mason felt that it may encroach the outfield but that it seemed okay. Tim Niblett explained that its an agreement in principle at this stage and that a full business case would need to be completed but that in principle it was agreed by all that the siting of the Cricket nets would be adjacent to the tennis court end nearest the Pavilion, if it didn't impact the drainage scheme.

Alan Lankester thought that the wickets would need to be moved across slightly and asked if it would encroach on the football pitch. Tim Mason though maybe but only by 5-10m's maximum. He felt that 32M's would provide a satisfactory 10M run up. It was noted that the dimensions used for the nets had been supplied by the Cricket Club.

The group were surprised that the Pavilion appeared on the map as a potential new sighting. Tim Niblett thought it crucial to show all possibilities and the moving of the rugby pitch which is what was agreed at the last meeting.

There was discussion about the cricket square moving and the impact. Tim Mason explained that although its not impossible to move a cricket pitch it would require plenty of notice due to the bedding in process, he was unsure how easy/hard the process would be.

Linda Williams conveyed her dislike to the positioning of the Pavilion as shown on the map an Alan Lankester suggested placing the Pavilion on the carpark nearest the bin storage area.

Tim Niblett explain that nothing was fixed and firm with the Pavilion and that at this stage we are looking for a space allocation and how best to accommodate everything but that since the exercise started there had been requests to site the Pavilion on the overflow car park as an option in the process.

Tim Mason felt that the sighting of the Pavilion on the map was ideal and provided both a viewing platform for Cricket and Rugby, he used Lockleaze Pavilion as a good example of a design

Linda Williams felt that the group should wait for more information on the relaxation of the covenants before moving forward.

The moving of pitches around on both sides was discussed but not deemed to be feasible due to lack of space.

Tim Niblett asked if the group was stopping work on the Courts to which Linda Williams replied yes as this is a first draft and there are too many variables and that she didn't accept the map as is.

Tim Niblett requested any other suggestions for allocations of courts. Alan Lankester suggested turning the Muga by 90 degrees and moving the rugby pitch 10m's north and that may solve the problem and allow for a better siting of the Muga, Tim Mason agreed.

Linda Williams felt the group should wait for the conservation mapping, accept some progress has been made and leave it at that.

It was Recommended That the MOTION for Parks and Recreation Committee to consider be:

- To move the Muga on a 90-degree angle and moving the rugby pitch 10m's north

5 Tennis Court Development

Tim Niblett explained that the Parish Council hasn't made a final decision and was awaiting further information.

Next meeting

TBD