

**Notes from the Community Centre Meeting with ACFC, held on 19th
November 2018, 7.30pm
at Aston Clinton Parish Meeting Room**

Present:

ACPC: L Tubb, C Read, L Ronson, R Stewart,

ACFC: V Cozens, I Middleton

G Merry (recording), E Barry

Members of the Public: 1

Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Mason, Mr Loxley and Mr Comerford

Community Centre progress and Accommodation to Date:

Cllr Tubb explained that following the success of the New Homes Bonus application, the community centre build was now a reality. The committee were meeting fortnightly and preparations for the Planning Application were well underway. The build was due to start within a year, with demolition scheduled for Autumn 2019. Temporary accommodation for the café was planned and for the football club if needed.

Requirements:

GM/EB drew members of ACFC's attention to the designs for the centre and asked if the changing rooms were the correct size. Mrs Cozens read from the regulations for Step 7 i.e. Minimum 12 sqm excluding showers/toilets for an existing building but minimum 18 sqm for a new build. Cllr Read thought the current design might be for 16 sqm and it was agreed this must be checked with the architect. EB thought the architect had checked the required dimensions but this would be double-checked. The officials' room should be 4sqm excluding showers/toilet and it was agreed this was accommodated in the designs. Mrs Cozens agreed the club would be happy once the minimum was met and gave the clerk a copy of the league requirements.

Storage:

Mrs Cozens confirmed that not all the FC's equipment can be stored in their container e.g. spare kit, footballs. EB pointed out the storage on the designs intended for the FC and pointed out that it could not be used by the café, as it was in the separate sport changing/equipment area of the build. There are 2 cupboards for the FC and it was agreed they could make this work with racking, but the dimensions would be checked with the architect.

Pitch Siting and Size:

It was discussed whether the new building would encroach on the current pitch and EB/VC checked the plans. It was agreed the size would not be compromised unless the current ramp would still be in place. It was agreed it would not be, as the building would be fully disabled-accessible. Cllr Read asked whether there would be enough run-off i.e. around the pitch. It was discussed that a minimum of 2m was required. Cllr Read was working on a soft landscaping plan and agreed this must allow for a clear 2m minimum for run-off. He agreed to aim for 3m with a possible 2m of bushes etc. beyond that.

Other:

Cllr Tubb urged the FC that if they thought of any other requirements, they must let the PC know. Cllr Read asked about boot cleaners. The electronic ones were discussed but it was agreed a couple of the manual ones would be best.

Temporary Accommodation:

During Build: Cllr Tubb explained the temporary accommodation would go in the top car park, as the optimum place to run essential services. She asked whether the FC would prefer to stay in the Park if the FA permitted them to get around the rules, for the duration of the build. VC explained it would be extremely difficult for the club to ground-share elsewhere and the FA had already indicated that the reason was justifiable. VC expressed concern that during the demolition and build phase, there would be encroachment onto the pitch i.e. Safety boarding, scaffolding etc. Cllr Read felt confident this would not happen and there would be enough space. VC stated that the club could also arrange to play friendlies away, if they know in advance and possibly suspend matches for a couple of weeks during certain phases if necessary.

Temp Accommodation: IM and VC stated the club would be happy to be accommodated in smaller changing rooms and would just need enough space for 12-15 players to shower and change. GM stated the initial costings for a temporary structure for the club, were in the region of £26,625 based on £1775 a month for 15 months. The PC would be funding this, and It was agreed that if the FC can make do with less space during the build, it would help bring the costs down of the PC. Mr Loxley would be in touch re. sizes and requirements and the eventual plan would be agreed with the FC first. VC stated she would need to write to the FA to obtain the correct permissions but felt optimistic this would be forthcoming, given the eventual improvements for the team.

Other:

EB pointed out the inevitable reduced parking and VC confirmed this would not be an issue for the club.

VC reiterated concerns that pitch encroachment during the build would be a 'game-changer' for the club. The possibility of playing on the lower pitch was discussed as an option. IM stated this would be only if there was absolutely no other option and would need to be agreed with the Colts.

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