

Notes of Raikes Road Group meeting 26th September 2023

3 Residents of Raikes Road

Richard – Embsay FC

Cllr D Noland, Mark Robinson (Estates), Louise Close (Chief Officer)

1. It was confirmed that if parking issues arose then enforcement would be notified.
2. Hedge – White Hills Lane – It was advised that as there was no footpath the other side of the hedge then access would not be granted by highways.
3. Cllr Noland confirmed that the cost and feasibility of reducing the speed to 30mph was very unlikely however, this option could still be explored.
4. Terms of license were reviewed.
 - a. Timings of matches were discussed, and residents asked for the timings to be confirmed as 9am – 1pm
 - b. Confirmed that the fixture list should be available prior to the matches.

Discussions began with the size and measurements of the pitch, and a resident spoke regarding the area outside the football pitch which was now a flat surface. It was confirmed that wildflowers had been sprinkled, however, it was resolved that a plan of the park, to scale, would be produced and discussions would be held as to the proposed planting of trees and design of the park.

It was confirmed that a junior pitch size would not be permanently marked out but the original agreement of the same pitch size as previously, and the club would mark the junior size for matches and remove the goals and secure as per the terms of the license.

Next Steps

Measurements would be taken, and a scale map and plan will be produced.

The Football club would liaise and work with the Chief Officer to finalise the license.

This would be made available by the 10th of October and issued to the working group.

If not further comments or points are made then the license, along with the following agenda items would be taken to Full Council on the 16th of November for resolution.

Agenda Items for Full Council;

1. *Request to resolve that Council do not enter into any agreements with other football clubs for the next two years until the pitch has bedded in.*
2. Would the Council be looking to seek extra protection for the open space at Raikes Recreation Ground, perhaps applying for Fields in Trusts help, such as has happened to Gawflat Meadow within Aireville Park? The extra protection would allow for its use to remain the same but would reassure the local community that in the future the space will.
3. To Confirm that requests for artificial lighting will not be received.

4. To Confirm that the pitch will not be fenced off so that the public cannot access it.
5. To Confirm that applications for installing facilities in the future for toilets / showering and changing will not be received or considered.
6. To Confirm that *the pitch will be monitored over the winter to identify if and where drainage is required. The Football Club will undertake the drainage work if it is required but will not be responsible for drainage work that is the responsibility of the Council and advised by the Estates team.*
7. To confirm that tree's will be replanted by the Estates team in partnership with the Scouts. The Hedgerow will be replanted once the observation period of the drainage has finished.
8. Request for a Notice Board to be installed at Raikes Road Recreational Ground.
9. To receive the constitution and membership details and to consider a request to form a recognised Friends of Raikes Road Recreational Ground group.