

Parish Council Meeting – Monday 8th March 2021

Agenda Meeting Notes

Agenda Item 7 – Test Valley School

The Council are delighted to receive Ms Toni Wilden, Head Teacher and Mr David Hall, School Governor, who will update Council on the plans and developments at Test Valley School. In consideration of time availability on the agenda, 10 minutes has been allowed for a short presentation and questions from Councillors.

Agenda Item 11 – King’s Somborne Recreation Ground

To consider **proposals** from the Football Club following the government’s ‘greenlight’ to return to outdoor sports from 29th March 2021:

1. To allow KSFC to play football through the summer months as required by the league, in order to complete the season. This is required due to the amount of time lost due to the current lockdown.
2. All matches will be played under whatever prevailing government restrictions and guidelines are in place. This is likely to start off under the same conditions we played a few matches in September, i.e. no use of indoor changing rooms and risk assessments in place, covid-19 officer appointed.
3. Number of matches yet to be determined, but likely not to exceed 8. Matches to be played on a Sunday morning, or possibly evenings (to take advantage of the light)
4. The cricket club are ok with this (I will forward correspondence). They play matches on Wednesday evenings (we would avoid Wednesdays for any evening games)
5. Matches will be scheduled as long as ground conditions permit. This is not expected to be a problem given the generally dry conditions. Should we have an abnormally wet spell then we would liaise with the cricket club over potential wear to the field that might impact their matches.

And as a secondary proposal:

6. Should the league request it, we consider hiring the pitch and toilet facilities to other teams. This is in a spirit of cooperation, as we hear that the main set of council pitches in Andover is out of action due to the building being commandeered as a Covid testing centre.
7. If this request arises, we will review the amount of games and the current state of the pitch. The dates would likely be on alternate Sundays when King’s Somborne are playing away, plus occasional evening games. Same principles would apply with respect to ground wear and liaison with cricket.
8. We would insist any hiring club, or the league, provide evidence of third-party liability insurance, although I am sure this would be in place in the same way that ours is through our Football Association affiliation.
9. Security would be provided by a KSFC official being present, as we would have to prepare the pitch and put up nets etc. We would ask a small charge for this as part of the overall charge to the league/clubs.

If this secondary proposal is accepted, what would the hire charge for the pitch be on a one-off basis? Could I suggest £20? Village hall charges for the toilet only to be the same as for KSFC.

Mr Andy Gannaway will attend the meeting and will be pleased to answer any questions from Council in the public session.

Agenda Item 12 – Village Hall Grant Request

The Village Hall requests a grant from the Parish Council of £2,900 to purchase equipment for Short Mat Bowls, a new facility which the whole community can enjoy and take advantage of.

A quotation has been provided for Council, together with information covering the income, expenditure and reserves of the Village Hall, as required.

Mr John Vandapump, Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee, advises that the quotation, which the Council will note is for £2,111.70, expires on 31st March 2021. He has therefore added approximately £300 to allow for price increases.

In addition, the Village Hall has agreed with Chilbolton Village Hall to purchase two carpets and the rack on which they are stored for £500. If KSVH had to buy these new, the storage rack would be approx. £1,200 +VAT and the carpets £1,050 each +VAT.

Hence the grant application totalling £2,900. The Chairman confirms that if the total costs are less, they will obviously advise the Council accordingly.

Mr Vandapump thanks the Council for its consideration and will attend the meeting, should Council wish to ask any questions in the public session.

Note from KSPC RFO re: Budget

KSPC set aside £2,000 from the 2020/21 budget for s137 grant aid. At this point in the financial year there is £55 remaining.

For the 2021/22 financial year, KSPC has set aside £2,500 from the budget for s137 grant aid.