



Tollesbury Parish Council

Notice is hereby given that the virtual Meeting of the **TOLLESBURY PARISH COUNCIL RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE** will be held on Friday 8th January 2021, via Zoom commencing at 6.30pm, to which members of the Recreation Ground Committee are summoned for the transaction of the under-mentioned business.

M. Curtis

Michelle Curtis – Clerk to the Council

4th January 2021

Councillors: T Lowther (Chairman), A St Joseph (Vice-Chairman), V Chambers,
R Cole

THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND

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The meeting is virtual and is being held via Zoom. If you wish to attend the meeting, please contact the Clerk who will email you joining information.

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence.

2. Declaration of Interest

Members are reminded that they are required to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Pecuniary Interests and Non-Pecuniary Interests which they know they might have in items of business on the agenda. They are reminded that they will need to repeat their declarations at the appropriate point in the meeting and leave the room if required under the Code of Conduct. Unforeseen interests must be declared similarly at the appropriate time.

3. Public Forum

Members of the public will be given an opportunity to put forward their question(s) or statement to the Council. The Chairman will at his discretion then decide if he is able to answer the question(s) or proposes to put the item on the agenda for the next meeting.



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4. Minutes

To receive and approve the Minutes of the Recreation Ground Committee Meeting held on 4th November 2020. #

5. Football

5.1 Football Pitches

To consider quotation to move the junior 11-a-side pitch including sockets and mark out an adult 11-a-side pitch *

5.2 Funding – Goal Posts

To consider request from Tollesbury Athletic for funding towards new portable 11-a-side goals *

6. Other Matters

To consider any other matters relating to the Recreation Ground.

Key: * = attached - # to follow

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3rd January, 2021

Dear Michelle,

Re Transferring Goal Posts

Thank you for asking us to provide a quotation for the transfer of two goals at the Recreation Ground. We are now pleased to provide the following for consideration :

To dismantle two goal posts, remove four post sockets in concrete, backfill with top soil and re seed or turf ; to mark out new pitch to site goal posts ; to install four sockets in concrete and re install goal posts

For the sum of Five hundred and forty eight pounds (£548.00) including all equipment, materials, labour and waste away

As discussed on the telephone every effort will be made to remove the sockets without damaging to be able to re use. However, if any damage occurs then substitute sockets will be needed.

Also, are you aware that there are three sockets each end to this pitch so presumably the pitch can be moved over from season to season ? Will you need the third sockets removed as well ?

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the above then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,
David & Damon

Fwd: Tollesbury Athletic Plans



To: Tollesbury PC tollesburypc@btinternet.com;
04/01/21 14:17

Hi Michelle

I hope you and all members of the Parish Council had a good Christmas break.

I just wanted to summarise the last month or so of discussions, and also let you know where we are with regards to plans for 2021 and beyond.

Following on from our discussions about the proposal to move the football pitches for the 2021/22 season, we submitted an application to the FA for a grant to put towards an additional set of goalposts. The plan was to look to purchase another set of portable goal posts, as these can be locked away and prevent damage to the pitch when not in use.

The FA have today accepted our application, and will be awarding a grant of £1,200 for us to put towards the goalposts. I have done a lot of research into various different websites and suppliers, and have received a quote for a set of self-weighted portable goalposts (which will mean they don't have to be secured in place once moved) from Stadia Sports (<https://www.stadia-sports.co.uk/self-weighted-rollaway-football-goals-package-24-x-8.html>). The goalposts will cost a total of £2,555.92 including shipping, which is more than a £400 discount off the full price, and is the cheapest price we could find for a set of goals of this quality.

Once the FA grant has been applied, that will leave a remaining amount of £1,355.92 to pay. We are asking today if the Parish Council would consider making up this shortfall please? We appreciate it is a large investment, but we feel that the benefits to both the playing surfaces and the village as a whole would be substantial.

As mentioned above, we feel that having portable goals would give the best return for the costs required to re-arrange the football pitches up the rec. We have seen the quality of the main pitch used this season has been consistent for years due to the goals being able to be locked away, keeping people from playing in the goal mouths.

Additionally, these goals will allow us to start a reserve team for the 2021/22 season. Football at all age levels has always been an important part of the village, and we would form the reserve team with the intention of giving younger players a stepping stone into adult football. Tollesbury has a long history of punching above its weight when it comes to producing footballers, and we would love to continue to be a part of this tradition - keeping footballers in the village instead of looking elsewhere for their Sunday morning football.

Finally, this investment would be a long-term one - the current portable goals have been in use for a number of years now, and with a second set we can reduce the wear and tear on both sets.

I have a lot of ambition when it comes to Tollesbury Athletic and would like to expand the club further in the future. Having two sets of goals and two full size pitches up the rec will allow us to host more games simultaneously if necessary.

Thank you for all your help getting this far :)

Kind Regards

