



**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE
25 NOVEMBER 2020**

Agenda No

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Responsible Officer: Helen Ball - Town Clerk

RECREATION GROUND MATTERS

Purpose of Report

To update members on various activities on Recreation Grounds.

1. Church Road Recreation Ground

The Mayor and Town Clerk met with representatives of Trinity Church to discuss their plans to develop the Glebe Field which has recently been transferred to the Church as part of a land swap with the Diocese. The Church undertook two consultation sessions which were attended by both the Town Clerk and the Mayor's predecessor. The latest plan is appended to this report. As can be seen from the report carparking is limited to disabled parking on site therefore much of the Church's discussion focussed around traffic and parking issues and the potential for increased parking on Church Road Recreation Ground. Councillor Burgess pointed out that whilst the Church was kept for additional parking there was a number of residents locally that objected to the current level of parking on site. Highways also needed to be part of any ongoing discussion as the area was a pinch-point for traffic congestion. This has been flagged with the Assistant Director Infrastructure but no response has been received.

It would be helpful to gauge the Committee's feelings on this matter.

2. Radbrook Recreation Ground

The levelling and reseeding has been completed and following a period of routine maintenance by the Contractor, the site has been handed back to the Town Council. There is preparatory work that will be required to ensure the site is playable by the start of the football season in August 2021. This will include feeding, mowing, white line marking and installation of goal posts.

Members are to note completion of another Capital Project

3. County Ground

This site has been highlighted in the Capital Programme for development both for the play surface and landscaping which will be funded from s106 Developers Contributions in relation to the Copthorne Barracks Development but also expansion to the Pavilion which was to be funded through CIL Neighbourhood Fund.

Work on the Pavilion has been put on hold pending a review of changing facilities in light of COVID. No Council changing facility has been open and operating since the Lockdown in March.



The Beacon Cricket Club is understanding of the delay and is seeking the view of the English Cricket Board as to provision of changing facilities.

In the meantime works are required to make the site safe and usable for the 2021 season. This facility was badly impacted by the flooding which saw unprecedented high flood levels causing far more damage than usual flooding episodes. Works include:

- Replacement of 11 windows with PVC
- Work to Roof including fascia, soffits and guttering
- Remedial works to the shower
- Stairs
- New Decking
- Scaffolding & External Decoration

Works have been initially costed at £20k, but this would not be wasted as the existing building would be retained and the works would be required as part of the extension plans in any event.

Members are asked to agree the budget allocation for more detailed tender costs being received and works undertaken.

4. Abbey Gardens

The Head of Operations has been working with Councillor Fraser to undertake a consultation to determine local wishes for any refurbishment to the Abbey Gardens. There is a sum of £20k allocated in the Revenue Budget for improvement works.

Closing date for consultation is Thursday 19th November and the Head of Operations will be in a position to share the details of that consultation with the Committee.

Members are therefore asked to determine the programme of works