

Sandy Town Council

To: Cllrs N Aldis, A Lock, R Lock, R Lacey C Osborne, M Scott, S Sutton
(Chairman), N Thompson
c.c. J Hewitt, M Pettitt, P Sharman

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Community Services and Environment Committee of Sandy Town Council to be held in the Council Chamber at 10 Cambridge Road, Sandy SG19 1JE on Monday 5 June 2023 commencing at 7.30pm.



Nicola Sewell
Town Clerk
10 Cambridge Road
Sandy, SG19 1JE
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31st May 2023

A G E N D A

1 Apologies for absence

2 Election of Community, Services and Environment Committee Deputy Chairman for the Council year 2023/24

Nominations to be put forward for the position of Deputy Chairman for the Committee.

3 Declarations of interest

Under the Localism Act 2011 members of Council are not required to make oral declarations of interest at meetings but may not participate in discussion or voting on any items of business in which they have a Declarable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) and under Sandy Town Council's Standing Orders must leave the room for the duration of all discussion on such items. (All members' register of interests are available on the Sandy Town Council website or on application to the Clerk.)

*This item is included on the agenda to enable members to declare new DPIs and also **those who wish to do so** may draw attention to their stated DPIs and also any non-declarable personal interests which they have declared under Sandy Town Council's adopted Code of Conduct and which may be relevant to items on the agenda.*

- i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests*
- ii) Non-disclosable Interests*
- iii) Dispensations*

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4 Minutes of Previous Meeting

To consider the minutes of the Community Services and Environment Committee held on Monday 27th March 2023 and to approve them as a correct record of proceedings.

5 Public Participation Session

Members of the public may ask questions or make representations to the committee about items of business which are on the agenda.

6 Action List

To receive the Action List and any updates.

Appendix I

7 Request for Use of Council Vehicle and Equipment for Sandy Carnival

To advise the Committee of the request received from the Town Councils' nominated representative on the Sandy Carnival, Councillor Paul Sharman to use STC's electric vehicle at the Carnival.

- Councillor Paul Sharman will be covered by the Town Councils' insurance for driving the electric vehicle

RECOMMENDED it is agreed that Councillor Sharman has use of the electric vehicle for the Sandy Carnival 2023. That the following conditions are followed:
i) The vehicle is kept in a locked garage overnight;
ii) The vehicle is never left unattended;
iii) the vehicle is only used for the following over the carnival weekend. To transport gazebos and weights to and from the carnival venue, to be used as part of the vehicle parade. Only Councillor Sharman can drive the vehicle. Members of the public are not allowed to climb inside or on top of the vehicle

8 CSE Action Plan

To consider the plan further to the last meeting

Appendix II

9 Permission for ATC to use Sunderland Road Recreation Ground and Sandhills

The ATC 22 (Sandy) Squadron is seeking permission to use Sunderland Road Recreation Ground and the area of the sandhills managed by the town council(see attached map)

RECOMMENDED that approval be granted for a period of five years for ATC/ATF training in (a) the area of the Sandhills managed by this Council no structures to be constructed as part of training; areas are to be left as found and the relevant risk assessment and health and safety precautions observed and (b) permission is confirmed for use of Sunderland Road Recreation Ground subject to the use not impacting on football games and other activities which take place at the recreation ground.

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10 Events Working Group

To receive a report on Coronation Big Lunch and Spring Market

Appendix III

11 Sunderland Road Recreation Ground – Pitch Condition

To receive and consider a report from the Deputy Town Clerk regarding action required to improve pitches at Sunderland Road Recreation Ground.

Appendix IV

12 Beeston Village Allotment Site

To receive and consider a report from the Deputy Town Clerk regarding the Beeston Village Allotment site

Appendix V

13 Community Safety

To consider an invitation from Central Bedfordshire Council for the Town Council to sign the Community Safety Charter.

[Community Safety Charter | Neighbourhood Watch Network \(ourwatch.org.uk\)](https://www.ourwatch.org.uk)

The signing of the charter would have implications for the roles of Council staff as well as Councillors

RECOMMENDED; that adoption of the community safety charter be adopted at the Full Council Meeting on 26 June 2023

Appendix Vi

14 Chairmans' Items

15 Date of Next Meeting: Monday 17th July 2022

Agenda Item 6 - Community Services and Environment Committee - Action list

Subject	Action to be taken Action	Response /Status
Full Council Meeting 20/04/16		
Allotments and Community Orchard At Beeston (CBC owned land) Min (22-16/17)	Progress and update reports to go to the Community Services and Environment Committee	Refer to CS&E Agenda March 2023 for previous text. Updated lease from CBC solicitors did not arrive in time for March STC meeting. Clerk is chasing. CBC have notified STC that the building works on site have been delayed to September 2023. We therefore do not have a date by which completion will take place.
CSE Meeting 23/08/2021		
Min (33-21/22) EV Charging Points	RESOLVED that the Clerk submit a list of STC owned sites for consideration as part of CBC's EV Charge Point Scheme	Refer to CS&E Agenda March 2023 for previous text. Tim Price, Senior Sustainable Transport Officer for CBC attended March meeting to give update, including reapplying for grant for Sandy to be included in 2023 plans. A Working Group was set up to consider siting of EV points and impact on capacity of car park.
CSE Meeting 21/03/2022		
Min (118-2021/22) Queens Jubilee	RESOLVED: that S106 and CBC councillor grant monies be used to supply an additional mosaic for the town.	Refer to CS&E Agenda March 2023 for previous text. STC to remain in contact with Carolyn Blake in 2023 in the anticipation that the project can get back on track for 2024.
CSE Meeting 09.05.2022		
Min (134-2021/2022) Beeston Green Drainage	Meeting between Philip Lovesey, Operations Manager at Bedford Group of the Drainage Board took place.	Refer to CS&E Agenda March 2023 for previous text. We are awaiting work to take place, overdue from march/April 2023.



SANDY TOWN COUNCIL ACTION PLAN 2023/24

The following Action Plan summarises and prioritises the committee’s activities and projects that will continue to be worked on over the 2023/24 year. The action plan is mainly project based and does not take into account the daily business of the Council, such as routine maintenance and administration, dealing with and carrying out actions resulting from public enquiries, completing training and statutory activities.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENVIROMENT COMMITTEE				
Budget	Objective	Actions	Responsibility	Timescales
2023/24 Activities				
Town Centre				
Grant Funding Applied for of £15,000	Welcome Back Fund – Design and production of Town Centre directory map	1) Final version of map/key to be approved and then completed by artist, with final prints in A0 size supplied to Council 2) Locations for maps to be identified and approval sought 3) Notice boards to be ordered via CBC 4) Installation of notice boards and maps by Council Outdoor Team	1) Artist/STC/STCG 2) Office/SCG 3) Office/SCG/CBC 4) Office/Outdoor Team	TBC TBC TBC By September 2023
£CBC covering costs of installation.	Continue to pursue Electric Car Charging Points	1) CBC confirmed that EV Charge Points will be installed in Sandy in 2023 during second round. 2) Working Group set up to discuss siting and implications for car park spaces et. 3) WG to meet and produce report for CSE and Full Council for approval of action	1) CBC Sustainable transport officer to give update to STC 2) STC 3) WG/STC	Complete Complete June 2023
	Review and monitoring of Community Plan	1) Monitor progress against action points in the Plan. 2) review plan as required.	1) TBC	TBC

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£TBC for budget	Town Centre Banners	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Union Flag, Summer festival and remembrance banners purchase. 2) 12 x 3 designs to be installed and removed each year. 3) costs of undertaking installation and removal to be confirmed and submitted for budget round 24/25. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) STC 2) STC/Contractor 3) Deputy clerk 	<p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>October 2023</p>
Town Entrance				
\$106 funds	<p>Design and Renewal of new Town Signs at the entrance to Sandy</p> <p>Project stalled and fell behind. Clerk to prioritise moving forward.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Designs for new signs to be agreed. 2) Locations to be chosen and approved by Highways and utility companies. 3) Final signs and cost to be provided and agreed. 4) Order to be placed. 5) Signage to be installed at agreed locations by STC outdoor team or appointed contractor if risks emerge on working next to Highway. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Working Group 2) Deputy Clerk/CBC highways contractor and Utility companies 3) CSE/PFR/Clerk 4) Clerk 5))Outdoor Team 	<p>Complete</p> <p>June 2023</p> <p>July 2023</p> <p>By September 2023</p> <p>By September 2023</p>
BEESTON				
£0 TBC	Agreeing community land lease and developing a project plan for the development of the Beeston Community Orchard and Allotments.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Agree Heads of Terms for a long lease for the community land. 2) Appoint solicitors to work with CBC to develop a lease agreement. 3) Agree lease agreement with CBC for community land. 4) Site meetings and initial planning of priority actions and layout for site. 5) Work with CBC to put together a timeline for development of the site. <p>Development of project plan with costs</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) CBC/STC 2) STC 3) STC/CBC 4) STC/CBC 5) STC/CBC 	<p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>TBC</p> <p>2023</p> <p>Project to build houses delayed until September 2023</p>

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		and timeframes. 6) Communication with public and allotment waiting list on the project. 7) Put forward any specific additional funding requests to the Council as part of 2024/25 budget process	6) STC 7) Clerk	Continuous until project completed October 2023
Sport, Leisure and Wellbeing				
£2,000 annual contribution to the Green Wheel from STC	Work with BRCC to continue progression and improvement of the Green Wheel	1) Continued meetings of the Green Wheel Group to develop the Wheel further and provide support to volunteers. 2) Continuation and publicity of Green Wheel social media page and, 'Friends of Sandy Green Wheel'. 3) Run seasonal Green Wheel Walks	1) BRCC/SGW 2) SGW/Cllrs/Admin 3) SGW/Cllrs/admin	Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing
	Participate in the Great British Spring Clean	1) Promotion and provision of equipment and rubbish collection for community litter pickers.	1) Admin	Ongoing
Environment (via the Environmental Working Group)				
£ grant income	Tree Planting	1) Identify suitable sites in Sandy and Beeston 2) Select species for planting 3) Apply for grants from CBC 4) Work with other community groups to encourage more planting 5) Continue to liaise with Rewilding East Project	1) EWG/Admin 2) EWG/Outdoor team 3) STC/Admin 4) Cllrs/Admin 5) Deputy Clerk/EWG	Complete Complete October/March 2023/24 Ongoing Ongoing
£ needs budget	Replacement of electric vehicles	1) Research suitable replacements 2) Order new as needed	1) Clerk 2) STC/PFR/	Complete Ongoing

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	Monitoring of pollution from A1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Keep watching brief on any reports from government departments. 2) Respond to any relevant consultations on pollution and traffic flows 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) EWG/Clerk 2) EWG/CSE/Clerk 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Events (Via Events Working Group)				
£TBC	Skate Park Anniversary Event	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Work with partners to celebrate 1 year anniversary 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) EWG/Admin 2) 	By October 2023
£TBC	To organise the 2023 Christmas Lights switch on Event	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Order staging and PA System 2) Renew Premises licence for market square 3) Order Christmas Tree 4) Agree any additional lights as part of Scheme within existing budget. 5) Apply for road closure and temporary event licence 6) Agree and organise programme of activities, stalls, set up and running of the event 7) Risk Assessments, Event management plan to be produced 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Admin 2) Admin 3) Clerk/PFR/Contractor 4) Admin 5) EWG 6) Clerk 7) Clerk 	<p>TBC</p> <p>August 2023</p>
£TBC	Organise 2 street markets	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Agree dates 2) Contact stall holders 3) Apply for road closure 4) Recruit volunteers 5) 	1-5) EWG	By October 2023
	Organise STC attendance at key town events	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Organise council surgery/presences at carnival and other key events throughout 2023/24. 2) Prepare appropriate materials 3) Talk to public about work of council 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) EWG/Deputy Clerk 2) Admin 3) Councillors 	Ongoing

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		including 4 year plan.		
£30	Participate in St Swithuns Church Christmas Tree Festival	1) Book tree entry with church 2) Agree theme and decoration accordingly. 3) arrange volunteer to decorate tree	1) Admin 2) EWG 3) S Sutton	November 2023 November 2023 December 2023
£TBC	Work with the RBL to hold the 2023 Remembrance Parade	1) Meet to agree programme for 2023 2) Apply for road closure 3) Order PA equipment 4) Liaise with volunteers	1) Events Wrk Grp/RBL/St Swithuns church rep. 2) Admin 3) Admin/EWG 4) Admin	July 2023 Aug 2023 September 2023 October 2023

On-Going Activities

	Park Checks and Maintenance	Regular Checks and Maintenance. Consideration of needs and any new equipment required.		
	Trees	Provision, inspection and maintenance		
	Green space equipment	Maintenance and renewal of essential equipment		
	Car Park	Review and maintenance.		
	CCTV	Administration, maintenance and renewal. Consideration of any CCTV matters.		
	Street furniture	Maintenance, renewal and consider requests for additional/memorial		
	Public Toilets	Maintenance		

CBC = Central Bedfordshire Council

BAOWK = Beeston Allotment and Orchard Working Group

Env. Wrk Grp = Environmental Working Group

SCG = Sandy Centre Group

SGW = Sandy Green Wheel Group

STC = Sandy Town Council

22 (Sandy) Squadron**Extended Unit Footprint - Sunderland Road Park**

Sunderland Road Recreation Ground, Sunderland Rd, Sandy, SG19 1RQ

**Training area uses:**

Sports, Fieldcraft (No overnight), Leadership & Radio training.

Risk Assessments and H&S procedures for individual activities will be produced prior to the activity taking place.

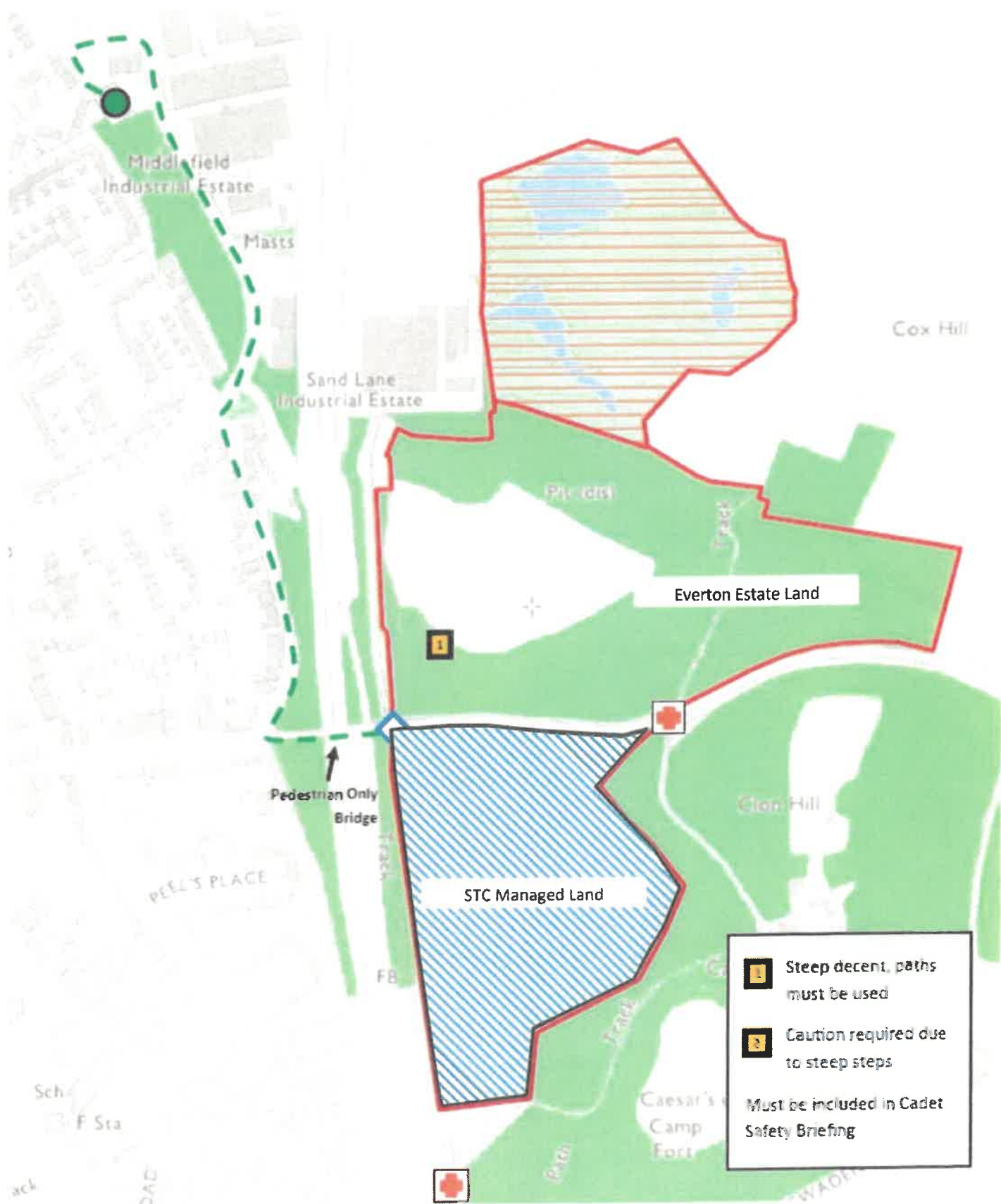
Additional Notes:

Any temporary barriers, such as cricket pitch, are not to be cross.

Play area and skatepark are not to be used.

Eastern perimeter has a ditch running it's entire length, however this is outside the boundary fence.

Due to proximity to Squadron HQ, support vehicle parking is not required.



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Date: 5th June 2023
Title: Events and Events Working Group
Contact Officer: Deputy Town Clerk

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider a report on the holding of the Coronation Big Lunch on 7 May 2023 and the holding of future events

Recommendation

- 2.0 That the Committee recommends to the Council that adequate funding is made available to fund events in the financial year 2024/25
- 2.1 That the Council welcomes the opportunity to celebrate the eightieth anniversary of the D Day landings
- 2.2 The Council is asked to take on the responsibility to stage the Christmas Lights Switch-on event

Background

3.0 Circulated separately to the agenda this week is the Town Councils' Summer Newsletter which covers in detail the Coronation Big Lunch. Also attached to the report is the budget for the Big Lunch.

3.1 The opportunity to celebrate the Coronation and enjoy a community picnic event was very popular. The Council is invited to consider making this an annual event and include it as an opportunity to consult communities on Council plans and consultations and the Neighbourhood Plan. The Events Working Group has asked the Committee to hold a Big Lunch in 2024 as part of the national Big Lunch event.

Other issues to consider:

Autumn Market – 1st October. Four stall holder applications have already been received

Remembrance Sunday November 2023 The Events Working Group to recommend to the Council on the format of the Remembrance Sunday

Sandy Christmas Light Switch on Event 2023 – a recommendation to Council is required if the the Christmas light switch on is to be carried out by the Council this year.

D Day celebrations 2024 - There is an expectation that local councils will commemorate the eightieth anniversary of the D Day landings (June 6) and it is anticipated there will be a national programme of beacon lighting

Financial Implications

4.0 The costs of staging events would require an adequate budget so that the events could be carried out appropriately and within budget

Legal Powers

5.0 The actions undertaken are covered by the Localism Act 2011, s.1 the General Power of Competence, for which Sandy Town Council is eligible and is a power of first resort, allowing the Council to do anything an individual can do.

CORONATION BIG LUNCH BUDGET

SET UP / HEALTH AND SAFETY

LOOS	670
SKIP	40
WALKWAY	418
ST JOHNS	132
BUNTING	200
SECURITY	1612
MUSIC/PA/GENERATOR	420
P.R. LICENCE	74
BANNERS	180
	3,746
EAT FEAST	-1,100
	2,646
TOTAL	4,494
STAFF TIME	1,002
	5,496

ENTERTAINMENTS

ROMANS	200
STILT WALKER	595
PUNCH & JUDY / MAGIC	300
SCIENCE SHOW	248
FACE PAINTING	50
BAND	200
PRIZE BUDGET	150
FLIGHT SIMULATOR	50
FOOD - STAFF/VOLUNTEERS	55
BALLON TOWERS	
DONATION	1848

Sandy Town Council

Date: 5th June 2023
Title: Sunderland Road Recreation Ground
Contact Officer: Deputy Town Clerk

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider a report on action required to improve the quality of the pitches at the Sunderland Road Recreation Ground

Recommendation

2.0 That the Council sets up meetings with PitchPower on the recommendations in its report about Sunderland Road Recreation Ground to progress prescribed improvements

2.1 That the Council seeks Football Foundation Funding to carry out the recommendations in its report

Background

3.0 At the meeting of the Town Council on 17 April 2023 the Council received representations from a youth football coach about the waterlogged condition of the pitches at the recreation ground. It was reported there had been ten weeks of cancelled games. The Mayor asked that a report be submitted to this Committee on the condition of the Sunderland Road Recreation Ground, The particular, but by no means the only concerns were the number weekends this winter and spring where the pitches were suitable for play due to waterlogging

3.1 The Council is reminded that Sunderland Road was created as a recreation ground and not a sports ground. It is on clay and has no drainage system in place. Therefore, the ground can only cope with so much rain before waterlogging. In the summer it has a tendency to bake and crack.

3.2 As a general recreation ground as well as being used for football and cricket it is used for the following;

football tournaments general ball games, informal games, informal football matches unauthorized football matches, school cross country and cricket, use by cadet forces, band marching practice, dog walking and cycling. It is a venue for the fair and informal car parking for events

Potential Works

4.0 Attached to the report is a football assessment report for Sunderland Recreation Ground. This is a detailed report that does offer a way forward for pitch development and improvement. The Committee is advised that the spiking and surface grooming is already being done to the recommended standard – verti tine and harrow. To proceed with training and overseeding the Council would be looking to add approximately £4,000 to grounds maintenance costs. Also appended to the report is an article from the Summer 2023 edition of Grounds Management. It illustrates a football clubs’ improvements via the Football Associations’ pitch improvement programme which helps understanding of developmental

improvements that can take place. However, the Council's expectations must be tempered by the fact that it manages a general recreation ground that is based on Oxford Clay.

Financial Implications

4.0 The cost of the works is estimated to be £4,00 but a more detailed financial plan will be put forward once the Town Council proceeds with the PitchPower programme.

Legal Powers

5.0 The actions undertaken are covered by the Localism Act 2011, s.1 the General Power of Competence, for which Sandy Town Council is eligible and is a power of first resort, allowing the Council to do anything an individual can do.



PITCHPOWER

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FOOTBALL ASSESSMENT REPORT

SUNDERLAND ROAD RECREATION GROUND

Bedfordshire FA

SITE ID:

6021005

INSPECTION ID:

6231



This report has been compiled for Sandy Town Council and Bedfordshire FA to provide information on the standard of the football pitches and outlines recommendations on how to improve the quality and maintenance of these pitches

Inspection Window

1 Nov 2021 / 31 Mar 2022

Inspection Reason

General Pitch Maintenance Advice

Disclaimer: This report has been compiled for Sandy town council and Bedfordshire FA to provide information on the standard of the football pitches and outlines recommendations on how to improve the quality and maintenance of these pitches

Site Report:

SUNDERLAND ROAD RECREATION GROUND



Overview



SUNDERLAND ROAD RECREATION GROUND

Ground ID: 6021005

The below RAG Rating indicates how many of your pitches have achieved a PQS grade of Good or better

RAG RATING: **50%** ●

Mini Soccer 7v7	● Good
Mini Soccer Pitch	● Basic
Adult Pitch 1 Astro end	● Basic
Pitch 2 middle pitch	● Good
Pitch 3 bottom pitch	● Basic
9v9 pitch	● Good



Date submitted
17/03/22

Inspection window
1 Nov 2021 / 31 Mar 2022

Next assessment needs to be completed:
1 Jul 2022 / 31 Oct 2022

GROUND OVERVIEW

Many thanks to the local authority for their patience in waiting for the report to be completed while the upgrades to PitchPower took place. Please be mindful that the recommendations made in this report are based on the condition of the pitches at the time of the inspection back in March. Grass coverage was variable depending on the pitch, worn in places but good in others with some weed coverage in areas but generally limited across the site.
Grass



Overview



height was broadly appropriate for the time of year and this is an important part of maintaining the health of the grass so it is better able to cope with stresses such as wear, potential disease and extremes of weather. Unless the standard of football demands it low heights of cut should be avoided. The lines were visible and to standard with no signs of burning in. The depth of debris free topsoil wasn't great with a pan of stone throughout at around 130mm and this will have an impact on root depth and density which could be improved. The most notable negative about the site was the poor turf health with some early signs of drought beginning to creep in. As the ground cover is measured as a total of 100 squares in each test location, where weed coverage or bare ground makes up 30% or more this means that the grass cover cannot meet the 71% required to constitute a GMA "GOOD" standard pitch at this time of year. As previously mentioned there is variability across the site in terms of pitch grading and this largely comes down to the amount of grass coverage. 3 of the pitches met the GOOD or above benchmark standard with 3 falling below it. Given the condition of the pitches the local authority should make an appropriate assessment on the works that need to be carried out. The local authority may need to consider organising autumn renovation works to aid recovery from any spring/summer usage and to maintain/improve the pitches from their inspection condition and crucially to see them through the challenging winter months. Autumn renovation works may consist of light scarification, disc seeding, deep spiking and fertiliser application aswell as sand dressing if budgets allow (this would help with surface levels). Over-seeding can happen whilst the pitches are in use providing a disc seeder is used as whilst some germination may be lost through wear it will certainly be more successful than if weather conditions don't fall favourably as we have seen with the recent drought. The risk of this is much less with autumn renovations. Please avoid any surface grooming (brushing/raking/slitting) during seed establishment. Traditionally it has been preferable to do these works following scarification at the end of the playing season however this is an increasingly high risk approach without access to irrigation and is becoming less and less successful with the weather extremes (its also not obvious how this could be timed on pitches that double up as a cricket outfield). Selective weed control should be applied annually but this should not be applied during drought conditions and should typically not take place within 6-8

Overview



weeks prior to or after seeding.

Regional Pitch Advisor jmorris@thegma.org.uk

07519103040

Maintenance

Attention required in these areas:

[Mowing >](#)

[Line marking >](#)

[Overseeding \(In Season\) >](#)

[Application of fertiliser >](#)

[Decompaction >](#)

[Application of selective herbicide \(weed treatment\) >](#)

[Surface Grooming >](#)

Equipment

Attention required in these areas:

[Mowing equipment >](#)



Mini soccer 7v7

Football - mini soccer 7v7

Pitch ID:

11886

Current PQS grade: ● Good

Previous PQS grade: No previous grade.

PITCH

Usage & Maintenance

Q. How many total training hours are played on this pitch per week?

A. 0hrs

Q. How many total match play hours are played on this pitch per week?

A. 0hrs

Surface profile

Q. What is the average grass height?

A. 30mm

Q. Using the same picture, give the percentage of weeds in the picture. The total figure of 'Grass coverage' and 'Weed coverage' should not exceed 100%, so if you can see both grass and weed in the same square count the one that has the most in it.

A. 2%

Q. How many squares contain grass?

A. 78%



Soil profile

Q. Measure the thatch depth.
A. 10mm

Q. Measure the root depth.
A. 100mm

Q. Measure the topsoil depth.
A. 120mm



Mini soccer pitch

Football - mini soccer 5v5

Pitch ID:

11881

Current PQS grade: ● Basic

Previous PQS grade: No previous grade.

PITCH

Usage & Maintenance

Q. How many total training hours are played on this pitch per week?

A. 0hrs

Q. How many total match play hours are played on this pitch per week?

A. 0hrs

Surface profile

Q. What is the average grass height?

A. 40mm

Q. Using the same picture, give the percentage of weeds in the picture. The total figure of 'Grass coverage' and 'Weed coverage' should not exceed 100%, so if you can see both grass and weed in the same square count the one that has the most in it.

A. 1%

Q. How many squares contain grass?

A. 62%

Pitch Inspections



Soil profile

Q. Measure the thatch depth.
A. 10mm

Q. Measure the root depth.
A. 110mm

Q. Measure the topsoil depth.
A. 120mm



Adult pitch 1 astro end

Football - adult football

Pitch ID:

11887

Current PQS grade: ● Basic

Previous PQS grade: No previous grade.

PITCH

Usage & Maintenance

Q. How many total training hours are played on this pitch per week?

A. 0hrs

Q. How many total match play hours are played on this pitch per week?

A. 0hrs

Pitch Inspections



Surface profile

Q. What is the average grass height?



30mm



30mm



30mm

Q. Using the same picture, give the percentage of weeds in the picture. The total figure of 'Grass coverage' and 'Weed coverage' should not exceed 100%, so if you can see both grass and weed in the same square count the one that has the most in it.



2%



3%



2%

Q. How many squares contain grass?



55%



73%



64%

Soil profile

Q. Measure the thatch depth.



10mm



10mm



10mm

Q. Measure the root depth.



90mm



80mm



95mm

Q. Measure the topsoil depth.



100mm



80mm



105mm



Pitch 2 middle pitch

Football - adult football

Pitch ID:

11888

Current PQS grade: ● Good

Previous PQS grade: No previous grade.

PITCH

Usage & Maintenance

Q. How many total training hours are played on this pitch per week?

A. Ohrs

Q. How many total match play hours are played on this pitch per week?

A. Ohrs

Pitch Inspections



Surface profile

Q. What is the average grass height?



25mm 20mm 25mm

Q. Using the same picture, give the percentage of weeds in the picture. The total figure of 'Grass coverage' and 'Weed coverage' should not exceed 100%, so if you can see both grass and weed in the same square count the one that has the most in it.



11% 10% 0%

Q. How many squares contain grass?



78% 79% 69%

Soil profile

Q. Measure the thatch depth.



10mm 10mm 10mm

Q. Measure the root depth.



90mm 85mm 90mm

Q. Measure the topsoil depth.



100mm 90mm 95mm



Pitch 3 bottom pitch

Football - adult football

Pitch ID:

11890

Current PQS grade: ● Basic

Previous PQS grade: No previous grade.

PITCH

Usage & Maintenance

Q. How many total training hours are played on this pitch per week?

A. Ohrs

Q. How many total match play hours are played on this pitch per week?

A. Ohrs

Pitch Inspections



Surface profile

Q. What is the average grass height?



30mm



35mm



35mm

Q. Using the same picture, give the percentage of weeds in the picture. The total figure of 'Grass coverage' and 'Weed coverage' should not exceed 100%, so if you can see both grass and weed in the same square count the one that has the most in it.



2%



3%



0%

Q. How many squares contain grass?



61%



58%



67%

Soil profile

Q. Measure the thatch depth.



10mm



10mm



10mm

Q. Measure the root depth.



115mm



110mm



100mm

Q. Measure the topsoil depth.



130mm



120mm



100mm

Pitch Inspections



9v9 pitch

Football - junior football 9v9

Pitch ID:

11894

Current PQS grade: ● Good

Previous PQS grade: No previous grade.

PITCH

Usage & Maintenance

Q. How many total training hours are played on this pitch per week?

A. Ohrs

Q. How many total match play hours are played on this pitch per week?

A. Ohrs

Pitch Inspections



Surface profile

Q. What is the average grass height?



30mm



30mm



30mm

Q. Using the same picture, give the percentage of weeds in the picture. The total figure of 'Grass coverage' and 'Weed coverage' should not exceed 100%, so if you can see both grass and weed in the same square count the one that has the most in it.



6%



5%



1%

Q. How many squares contain grass?



71%



72%



62%

Soil profile

Q. Measure the thatch depth.



10mm



10mm



10mm

Q. Measure the root depth.



105mm



105mm



100mm

Q. Measure the topsoil depth.



110mm



110mm



100mm



MAINTENANCE

These recommendations are in priority order.

Mowing

Frequency:
Weekly

Recommended for:
Whole Ground

The pitches should be maintained at a playing height of between 30-35mm during the growing season where possible and increased to between 35-45mm during the autumn and winter months. This will help to give the grass a little more protection during the winter months when it is under stress from wear, potential disease, frost etc. There are exceptions to the above, during drought periods height of cut should also be increased to reduce stress on the plant and cutting avoided all together if growth has ceased.

Understandably on pitches shared as a cricket outfield height of cut is likely to need to be lowered to between 15-20mm to facilitate the appropriate playability however winter pitch heights of cut should be reinstated as soon as cricket season finishes.

To minimise build-up of surface debris careful consideration should be given as to the conditions in which mowing takes place. Quality of cut will be maximised if cutting can take place when the grass leaf is dry, however cutting should not take place during the heat of a warm day in the summer as this will cause stress to the turf. Cutting a minimum of once per week is

3 smaller pitches have to be shaved cut low for the cricket in summer also onto the middle junior pitch



Mowing Continued

recommended in the growing season and no more than a third of the grass leaf should be mown on any one occasion to reduce build up of surface debris and minimise turf stress.

If a more frequent mowing regime cannot be accommodated during growing season then the weather conditions in which mowing takes place become even more crucial in minimising mess and damage to the turf.

PLEASE NOTE: The indicative budget outlined in the report does not include mowing or line marking costs.

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Line marking

Frequency:
Weekly

Recommended for:
Whole Ground

Lines should be marked on a regular basis to maintain adequately bright lines when the pitches are in use. Strings should be used to straighten lines if time allows or perhaps more viably on a site of this size GPS line marking technology used periodically to restraighten lines.

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Overseeding (In Season)

Frequency:
1 x per year

Recommended for:
Whole Ground

(Please see the ground overview section at the start of the report for further guidance from the Regional Pitch Advisor)

Depending on the recovery post drought further over-seeding may be required to improve the population of desirable grasses prior to the winter months in order that the pitches do not rapidly deteriorate. There are specific seed varieties that are best suited for winter sports pitches due to their characteristics of being deep rooting, wear tolerant, rapid to recover and offering an attractive green colour. In a winter sports setting a Perennial Ryegrass seed mix of at least three cultivars is the desirable species.

In established pitches to maximise the chance of successful establishment seed should be sown using a disc seeder in at least 3 directions which sows the seed directly into the soil at a rate of 30-50gms per m² the amount will depend on how worn/bare the area is. If particular areas of the pitches are worn such as through the middle box to box the amount of grass seed can be concentrated appropriately on these areas if budgets are limited.

Timing of application is key, as seed will struggle to germinate



Overseeding (In Season) Continued

in dry hot weather without irrigation or in cold temperatures when there is not adequate warmth for the seed to establish. In recreational settings where irrigation is not available and resources and routine maintenance are limited over-seeding half rate in the autumn as well as half rate in the spring can be the most risk free option to mitigate any drought summers.

Whilst some germination may be impacted through play over-seeding using a disc seeder whilst the pitches are in play is a potential option if weather conditions are more favourable but high wear areas such as goal mouths, penalty spots and centre circles should be repaired and reseeded as early in the close season as possible and combined with a suitable sports sand raked to a tilth covered with germination sheeting and kept watered (where possible, appreciate sheeting and watering may be a challenge in a local authority setting). The organisation should work with a sports seed supplier to identify the best seed mix for their requirements.

Contractor cost approx: £1375 per 11v11 pitch, £1100 per 9v9 pitch, £825 per mini soccer pitch (including materials)

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Application of fertiliser

Frequency:
1 x per year

Recommended for:
Whole Ground

(Please see the ground overview section at the start of the report for further guidance from the Regional Pitch Advisor)

Fertilisers come in various types, some that provide an instant release of nutrients that promote rapid grass growth but the effects are short lived (not ideal in a scenario where mowing regimes are limited) or those that nurture a slower or controlled breakdown of the applied nutrients where the growth pattern is more consistent and over a longer period (preferable). Quick release fertilisers are commonly known as straight or conventional release and as the names suggest there are also slow or controlled release fertilisers as described.

Controlled release granular fertiliser is recommended to provide a continuous nutrient level over a greater period than compared with a conventional fertiliser. Some controlled release fertilisers offer 5-6months longevity and these would be ideal for bi-annual application from the start of the growing season. Typically, whatever the preferred supplier a suitable fertiliser can be selected for spring/summer (Higher nitrogen content some phosphorus and medium potassium content) or autumn/winter (Low nitrogen content, no phosphorus and high potassium



Application of fertiliser Continued

content. Approx. 12 x 20kg bags per full size pitch.

In conjunction with an effective aeration programme fertilisation will greatly improve turf health increasing root depth and improving root density, encouraging recovery from wear and improving visual turf colour. Application of a controlled/slow release fertiliser should be considered, ideally following a soil analysis that can be carried out by a reputable fertiliser supplier. Application should be made once per annum as a minimum but ideally twice once in autumn and again in spring.

It should be noted that this is an essential part of improving the quality of the pitches, however this will lead to an increase in grass growth and a mowing regime of cutting once per week as minimum could be necessary in the peak growing season if fertiliser is applied in the spring/summer. Use of organic slow release fertiliser could be considered if a reduced growth rate is desirable.

Contractor cost approx: £650 per 11v11 pitch, £520 per 9v9 pitch, £390 per mini soccer pitch (including materials)

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Decompaction

Frequency:
2 x per year

Recommended for:
Whole Ground

(Please see the ground overview section at the start of the report for further guidance from the Regional Pitch Advisor)
Continue with the deep spiking programme on all pitches as this will continue to be extremely beneficial to improve turf health and surface drainage capacity.

Deep spiking is a type of soil decompaction operation sometimes referred to as aeration and these practices are essential to allow air, water and nutrients to pass into and through the soil profile improving surface drainage and providing conditions in which root depth/density may improve and the breakdown of organic matter (Thatch) is encouraged. In addition many common weeds thrive in compacted ground so decompaction can help to alleviate this hospitable environment.

Deep spiking operations should be conducted once annually on this site as a minimum in the autumn but ideally again in the early spring using 18-24mm tines at 100mm spacings to maximum achievable depth but no shallower than 150mm. If funds permit further decompaction in the form of linear aeration could be considered during the autumn/winter month's dependent on ground conditions.

Contractor cost approx: £470 per 11v11 pitch, £336 per 9v9 pitch, £282 per mini soccer pitch

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Application of selective herbicide (weed treatment)

Frequency:
1 x per year

Recommended for:
Whole Ground

(Please see the general overview section towards the start of the report for further guidance from the Regional Pitch Advisor) Broad spectrum selective herbicide should be applied once per year by a fully qualified professional with the appropriate equipment and paperwork. It should typically not be applied within 6-8 weeks prior to or after seeding (refer to product label)

Typically mowing should not take place for 3 days before and 3 days after application. (Do not apply in drought conditions it may damage the turf and will not treat weeds effectively) Selective herbicides should be sprayed in the dry with little to no wind. Most selective herbicides are rain fast within 24 hours of application. If rain falls prior to this it could affect the success of weed control. Work with the contractor to ensure the selective herbicide chosen covers the weeds on site and is suitable for use in a public setting. Most good quality systemic selective herbicides should control common weeds such as Daisy, Dandelion, Greater Plantain, Clover etc.

Contractor cost approx: £325 per 11v11 pitch, £260 per 9v9 pitch, £195 per mini soccer pitch (including materials)

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Maintenance recommendations



Surface Grooming

Frequency:
Fortnightly

Recommended for:
Whole Ground

Ideally, this is an operation that would be undertaken by the local authority as part of routine maintenance but obviously requires the necessary equipment and resource to deliver. Currently the local authority may be unlikely to have the capacity to deliver this operation but it would make a significant difference to pitch quality.

If use of a combination grooming tool could be organised use of this to rake and brush the surfaces during the growing season and then to use the brush and surface slitter during the autumn and winter if soil conditions were dry enough would help to relieve surface compaction and manage organic matter levels which will contribute to any drainage issues experienced. These operations will also alleviate the conditions in which many weeds and diseases thrive aswell as offering some reinstatement after play.

Any presence of worm casts would also be alleviated by this process if done in the appropriate conditions. Worm casts are unsightly and can smear and cover fine turfgrasses. This would also help to disperse surface debris such as grass clippings left on the surface after mowing.

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Annual budget to carry out recommendations. Please note costs provided are indicative and may vary dependent on quantities and frequency.

£16370



EQUIPMENT

To carry out the maintenance specified above, we recommend the following equipment to carry out the activities.

These recommendations are in priority order.

Mowing equipment

Funding support for eligible organisations to purchase/replace their own machinery to maintain in house or supplement the maintenance of a third party is available through the Football Foundation. Where key sites identified within the Local Football Facility Plan are likely to benefit, the Football Foundation may consider applications for pitch maintenance equipment from a Local Authority where it is considered that it will enhance pitch quality.

If the organisation wanted to discuss machinery further they can contact me via jmorris@thegma.org.uk. A reminder that the total equipment value that can be applied for in one application through the Football Foundation small grants scheme is maxed at £33'000 inc vat per application. Up to 75% of this figure would be covered by the Football Foundation small grants scheme should the organisation be eligible. Secure storage containers are also eligible for the same funding support. Normally one application per annum to small grants for machinery is acceptable.



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Recommended Training

No recommended Training at this time.



Summary



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More matches for Sutton Coldfield Town Junior FC

We find out how Sutton Coldfield Town JFC's progressive improvement, via the FA's Pitch Improvement Programme, has led to more playing opportunities on the club's pitches

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(FOOTBALL)**

Sutton Coldfield Town Junior Football Club (JFC) was formed in 1970 with four teams and was based in the Walmley district of Sutton Coldfield. By 2012, the club had grown to around 16 teams and needed a base where all its teams could play.

This led to a pitch-sharing with nearby Bishop Walsh Catholic School. The four-hectare site consisted of 10 pitches of varying sizes. These were maintained by the school, which included mowing and marking, together with some end-of-season goalmouth repairs. The annual maintenance budget was around £8,000 with the club contributing around £6,000 per year.

PITCH IMPROVEMENTS

In 2014, the FA introduced the Pitch Improvement Programme (PIP) and



One of the 10 pitches at the Bishop Walsh School site

THE AREAS HIGHLIGHTED FOR IMPROVEMENT INCLUDED GRASS SWARD QUALITY, WITH A REDUCTION IN WEED PRESENCE

Birmingham County Football Association (BCFA) offered clubs/sites the opportunity for a PIP visit from a GMA regional pitch advisor.

The first of several GMA visits to the school took place in June 2016 and highlighted a number of areas where improvements were needed to address the increasing pitch demands – at the time, more than 300 matches were played on the pitches per year in addition to school use.

The areas highlighted for improvement included grass sward quality, with a reduction in weed presence

(from 20 per cent) plus end-of-season overseeding and turf nutrition. Compaction was also a significant issue as deep aeration/decompaction had not been undertaken.

The initial PIP report included short- and long-term pitch maintenance plans, and an introduction to contractors that would be able to assist. This resulted in Sutton Coldfield Town JFC developing a long-term relationship with Woodward Turf Care.

Equipment recommended in the report included a compact tractor, a rotary roller mower and a grass-care combination system.

By October 2017, when the first FA PIP follow-up visit was undertaken, this equipment had been acquired

and an end-of-season £6,500 renovation plan had been introduced, which included weed control, deep aeration and overseeding.

An FA PIP follow-up visit in 2018 confirmed that the pitch quality had increased to pitch grade of 'High'. However, issues still needed to be addressed on the mini soccer pitches as the number of teams using the mini pitches at the site increased to 17.

EXPANSION PLANS

Additional FA PIP support was provided in 2019 when the club was looking to increase the number of teams from 30 to 50 over the next four to five years.

A more intensive pitch maintenance plan was developed, which included



PAS UPDATE SUTTON COLDFIELD TOWN JFC



More than 700 girls and boys now enjoy football at the site

pitch drainage for the mini pitches and the requirement of a more powerful tractor and deep aerator.

The FA PIP report recommended that the club explore the possible options for drainage and, following investigation, the club made the decision to install Turfdry's Hydraway geotextile membrane drainage system.

FUNDING SUPPORT

The club successfully applied for a Football Foundation Small Grant and the drainage improvement work was completed in 2020. This also coincided with the introduction of the Football Foundation's Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund (GPMF) and the club was able to secure a grant of £72,000 towards pitch maintenance, which would be phased over six years.

The club acquired a New Holland Boomer 40hp tractor and an Imants ShockWave

THE FUNDING HAS ENABLED THE CLUB TO APPLY TOPDRESSING TO A DEGREE THAT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE BEFORE

decompactor, and the club's part-time groundsperson can now undertake deep aeration in house.

Additional secondary drainage has also been added to pitches one to four, and the club is considering extending drainage to pitches five to



A GPMF grant enabled the club to buy a Boomer tractor

nine. The funding has also enabled the club to apply topdressing to a degree that would not have been possible before – 400 tonnes were applied in 2022 – and to install a 300m irrigation 'main'.

This GPMF has also enabled the club to continue

to produce good-quality pitches and by the beginning of the 2023 season the club had met its target of 54 teams, enabling 700-plus boys and girls to enjoy football at the facility, which is generating more income for the club.

GETTING THE GRADES

The club continues to undertake two pitch assessments per year (to meet with GPMF requirements) using the PitchPower app. Its last submission, in October 2022, showed that all but one of the pitches were graded as 'Good' or above.

During the 2022/2023 season, the site will accommodate approximately 25 matches per weekend, which equates to 650 matches for the season.

Commenting on the club's successful pitch improvement programme, and its plans for the future, Sutton Coldfield Town JFC chairman Steve Banks says: "As the pitches improve further, our plan is to increase the number of teams to 65, which will be the site's capacity. The perfect complement to the work that we are doing is that we now have teams wanting to move to our site – having seen our facilities and played on our pitches – and long may this continue."



BEFORE

Above: Previous pitch quality at Sutton Coldfield JFC



AFTER

Right: The turf after the club followed the FA's PIP and used Football Foundation funding for equipment and improvements

Sandy Town Council

Date: 5 June 2023
Title: Beeston Village Allotment Site
Contact Officer: Deputy Town Clerk

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider a report on the development of the allotment site at Beeston Village Site

Recommendation

2.0 To note that at the moment a timetable for the development of the site cannot be determined until after the nesting season (September/October) and the Council has a contract to manage the allotment site

2.1 That the cost of developing the site, the import of topsoil, securing of the site, development of a carpark, tool shed, allotment association meeting room, the creation of an allotment plan and timetable be approved

2.2 That a representative of the National Association Allotment Society be invited to visit the site to discuss next steps

2.3 That plans to create an allotment association be developed and reviewed on a regular basis by this Committee

2.4 That the Council agrees to hold an **allotment week** event (supported nationally by National Allotments Association) annually in August to support allotments and allotment growers. The first event to be held in August 2024

2.5 That Central Bedfordshire Council be asked to speed up the development of the village site and/or ask CBC to release other land in Sandy for the development of allotments

Background

3.0 The Council has a waiting list of 119 (this is a list started in 2002 and has recently been confirmed) and is committed to meeting the demand

3.1 We have been informed by CBC that there are a number of issues with planning which has required amendments to their plans. As such the works have been delayed and with the nesting season being respected works will now not be able to begin until September/October so we would be looking at least another 12 months before completion.

3.2 Initially, it had been envisaged that STC would be granted access once the fence, water and road had been installed to allow for the allotment works to take place. This would happen on completion of the build but in the circumstances this means any work we would need to undertake could not even start for another 12 months after that.

3.3 CBC is suggesting that a lease is agreed to allow the Town Council access now (although the logistics of this would need to be agreed) so we could undertake any preliminary works before construction starts.

3.4 This timeframe would enable the Council to undertake surveys on the land to ensure it is suitable for allotments and the Town Council could start to get plans and other arrangements in place to organise for getting the land ready once the development is complete - or maybe agree with the developers that we can have works undertaken at the same time if it were feasible and safe to do so.

3.5 Local Councils are expected to provide allotments if they have land to create them (Local Government act 1972). This Council has been searching for appropriate land for some time and despite approaching local landowners the only opportunities have been identified by Central Bedfordshire Council

3.6 Initially it had been envisaged that STC would be granted access once the fence, water and road had been installed to allow for the allotment works to take place, which would happen on completion of the build but in the circumstances that would mean any work we would need to undertake could not even start for another 12 months.

3.7 CBC is suggesting that a lease is agreed to allow the Town Council access now (although the logistics of this would need to be agreed) so we could undertake any preliminary works before construction starts. We could communicate it to the allotment association etc as securing the site and being able to undertake preliminary works with a view to being able to access it next year.

3.8 This timeframe would enable the Council to undertake surveys on the land to ensure it is suitable for allotments and the Town Council could start to get plans and other arrangements in place to organise for getting the land ready once the development is complete - or maybe agree with the developers that we can have works undertaken at the same time if it were feasible and safe to do so.

Financial Implications

4.0 If an association was to take over the management of the allotment the Council would have to determine the level of financial support annually. A robust agreement that clearly outlines the remit and powers of the association must be drawn up by the Council in advance.

Legal Powers

5.0 The actions undertaken are covered by the Localism Act 2011, s.1 the General Power of Competence, for which Sandy Town Council is eligible and is a power of first resort, allowing the Council to do anything an individual can do.

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- **REPORT** - actively encourage and support others to report harassment, antisocial behaviour and intimidation and share intelligence about these crimes with the relevant authorities
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Best wishes

Cheryl

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