

Agenda Item 19 - Aug Meeting

Football Posts

Please note response to the potential installation of full-sized posts at the Recreation Ground from Mark Pankhurst at the Cricket Club:

Thank you for your email.

Whilst we encourage more activities and sports on the recreation ground, I have had a discussion with Cllr Fowler and we seem to be both of the same mind set on this and I would like to make the following points.

1. How many people would benefit from a full-sized goal at the ground? Most junior football is played with much smaller goals, this would only benefit adult football.
2. There are not many places to locate this, the only area I can think of is where the current small goal is and therefore would there be a conflict, if say on a Sat/Sun we turned up to play a cricket match and they were using the goal for a game, where would the covers and batting cage go? and secondly this area is used for parking, where would the players and spectators park?.
3. The club is trying to secure a grant from Wealden DC to facilitate the project 'to refurbish the East Dean tennis courts to provide a multi-sport facility comprising cricket training facilities, tennis courts and basketball courts for community benefit. The PC could purchase the goal posts and put in place and then they would potentially need to be removed if the refurbishment went ahead, do the PC think this would be cost effective ?
4. The club has discussed about introducing junior football at the rec further down the line once a new pavilion is built.

So with the above points, the club does not see the benefit of this at present, I also rarely see the current 5 a side goal used at all, so i think the PC needs to weigh up is this viable.

Note: Cost of installing posts would be in the region of £1000 to £1200

Proposal: To reconsider the request for football posts in view of the CC's comment

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