

Bingham Town Sports Club meeting notes

Thursday 14 January 2021 at 7:00pm

Attendees: Steve McRobie – Chair of Bingham Town Sports Club
Rob Harwood – Chair of Bingham Town Football Club
Paul Maylard-Mason – Bingham Cricket Club
Councillor J Stockwood
Councillor G Williams
Sharon Pyke – Town Clerk
Joanne Riddle – Deputy Clerk

Apologises: Councillor P Moskwa
Jez Donovan

A presentation was received from Bingham Town Sports Club regarding a 2-phase initiative to increase the football and cricketing capacity at the Butt Field site. There is a recognition that both sports clubs are close to capacity and they have an eye on the future because of an anticipated increase in demand resulting from the additional housing at Chapel Lane.

Councillor Stockwood updated the club on the car park project, which continues to be a Council priority. The driveway within the phase 1 plan would potentially be beneficial to both parties, as it could also serve as a footpath to access the station as part of the car park project. The Town Council are still planning on moving forward to secure additional pitches for the clubs, but further information on this could not be discussed at this stage.

A figure of £600,000 for the 3G pitch with a funding opportunity of 60% from the FA was noted. This was confirmed as the cost for the 3G pitch only, the costs for the driveway and car park would be additional. The club is therefore looking for funding for the shortfall in providing phase 1 of their plan. The football club confirmed that they had £10,000 in funds available for the project.

The Council will require more detailed costing projections for the phase 1 development, to include all costs, contingency plans and other funding sources. Once the Council has received a costing projection for phase 1, this could be presented to Council for consideration. Whilst PWLB loan rates remain low, now is the ideal time to secure loans for agreed community investments.

The club agreed that they would move forward with creating a more detailed proposal for the Council for phase 1. They also confirmed that any lease alterations, would be preferred as one alteration, rather than many, as they are also aware of the clarification needed in the lease that they cut and maintain the grass with their new equipment.

A query was raised as to how much of the £50,000 was still left in the Council reserves. This was confirmed as £35,100.

The Council would continue to progress work to secure additional land for pitches and any financial contribution toward phase 1. A PWLB loan application was most likely route for the Council. If the Council was successful in securing land for the additional pitches, the club would then have the land ready for their phase 2 plan.

It was agreed that a joint working group of Councillors and club representatives would be required to move the project forward.