

Sport for All
Drayton Sports Facilities
at Walnut Meadow
Sunday October 15th 2017 Drayton Community School

Notes from Working Groups

Group 1 (Colin Arnold)

- Concerns over vandalism and anti-social behaviour, but after discussion it was thought that this could be monitored and reported by local residents so that it could be nipped in the bud; however our neighbourhood policing team will need to be ready to respond.
- CCTV covering the car park, MUGA, and pavilion surrounds as well as some internal areas was suggested as an additional tool in preventing the problem.
- Bar should not be “full time” it should open for a limited time after matches, and for organised events only.
- By reversing the layout of the “dry side” it would put the Bar, Kitchen, at the car park end which would make deliveries far easier.
- It might be possible to make the bar, servery and kitchen into one to reduce the duplication of fixtures and fittings and may also provide a small seating area.
- Table Tennis Club very excited by the prospect of having a properly designed space to call their home. They currently pay the school somewhere in the region of £2500 per year and quite often need the school hall four nights per week during the season, but may be able to reduce this due to the design of the pavilion, they also noted that there was provision for storing their equipment.
- MUGA flood lighting should have a time limit to prevent disturbance to the residents.
- Ideas for other activities included special fitness workshops for the older Generation; Tumble Tots soft play gym for toddlers, daytime aerobics for young mums.
- Measured and or timed walks / running routes / trim trails starting and finishing at the pavilion. Including the path circuit of the pitch area, these could / should be clearly shown on information boards. They could also take into account differing levels of fitness.
- Fitness equipment around a trail should be treated as a separate entity to an outdoor gym.
- No goals to be left on the pitches outside of match / training time, to prevent noisy kickabouts disturbing the residents and preventing excess wear on small areas of the playing surface.
- Aim to have pavilion, MUGA and pitches all ready for use at the same time rather than coming on line in dribs and drabs. It would be good to have one grand opening event.
- Seems like a good idea to have one destination for all sports as this could mean that parents could have all of their children taking part in different sports simultaneously in one location, equating to less vehicle movements.

- Good clear signs required to guide visitors to pavilion, both on Abingdon Road and at the junction of Chestnut Drive and Holly Lane.
- Confirmation of whether the school will be using the facilities.
- Defibrillator (Catherine Webber suggested this could be funded by a grant from VOWHDC for projects over £1000. They have actually had to return some funds due to lack of applications)
- Golf practice should not be permitted on the sports pitches.
- Dogs and Horses must be banned from the pitches.
- Think about other things that may not be permitted or need special permission.

Other things not related to sports facilities

- Dog poo / litter bins required in several locations e.g. near site entrance, on POS, near playground and near the junction of new footpath link to Cornville Road and Barrow Road.
- Anti-fouling signs around the whole of Walnut Meadow and on some of the popular dog walking paths.
- Crossing over Abingdon Road near the site entrance.
- Poor visibility when exiting onto Abingdon Road.
- Residents of 11 Holly Lane report having seen “floor beams” being buried by POC on the sports pitch area.
- Several residents expressed concerns over the effectiveness and connectivity of the drainage system across the whole site.

Group 2

- Bar and teas for sports
- Community events
- Adult learning
- Table tennis
- Children’s parties
- Bar opening to be kept to a minimum
- Bar open a couple of hours after games
- Ice Cream in the summer!
- Disco lighting included so hirers do not need to find it
- Roller partitions so space can be split in two
- BBQs
- Clubs
- Parties
- Films – great idea to have hot chocolate etc. and bar open
- Private hire
- Café with terrace open weekends/for Saturday games
- Baby and toddler groups in the week

Group 3

- Kids holiday clubs
- Rugby tots
- Monthly pop up restaurant
- Karate group
- Storage
- Craft fairs
- Beavers
- Exhibitions
- Events – weddings etc.
- External storage

Group 4

- Athletics facilities
- Archery
- Sports shop
- Pilates
- Computer classes
- Mindfulness classes
- BBQs
- Coquet
- Outdoor gym
- Disc golf