

## Site meeting Stantyway Recreation Ground 26.10.25

**Present:** Ian Simpson, Richard Witherby, Jerry Fry, Pete Wells, Ian Horne, Neil Shipton & Andy Mitchell.

In attendance Fran Mills.

**Context:** Stantyway Recreation Field was bequeathed to the Otterton Parish Council on behalf of the residents of Otterton by George Northcott for the enjoyment of all residents. For many years the Otterton Football club has used this facility for its activities including the erecting of a clubhouse which they have funded and maintain at their own cost. The football club organises & funds grass cutting of the pitch & surrounding area, the OPC maintains the wider perimeter.

The football club pays an annual fee of £150 for the use of the field. Currently rates are not paid on recreation fields but this may change in the future.

**Purpose of meeting:** To agree expectations of both OPC & Otterton Football Club (OFC) regarding upkeep & maintenance of the Stantyway Recreation Field & Club House (Including toilets & taps).

After discussion the following decisions were unanimously & amicably agreed on by both parties.

**Boundary:** It was agreed that the current boundary as cut by OFC would remain in place and would be cut periodically and as needed.

The OPC would maintain the area between the previously mentioned boundary and the perimeter of the field including trimming & planting of trees, cutting as required and cutting back of the boundary fence.

A memorial wildflower garden is to be installed in this area for the enjoyment of all & will be maintained by OPC.

**Entrance:** It was agreed that OPC would cut back growth near the gate & install pedestrian gate.

**Club House:** It was agreed that an additional paving area could be laid around the club house.

**Toilet:** One toilet would be left open for public use and that cleaning & maintenance would fall to OPC but that OFC would keep a watching brief.

**A tap:** would be made available for the use of dog walkers.

**School Shed:** Enquiries would be made into ownership of shed & contents stored within it (Action RW). It was agreed that if this is no longer used by the school the OFC could use it for storage.

**Action:** It was agreed that the pile of items by the school shed, including roller, would be tidied up (wood removed by OPC, other by OFC) the area would be mown by the OFC & the hedge would be trimmed around the clubhouse by OPC.

### **Further discussion:**

The OFC would like to install further benches (possibly memorial benches) on the side of the pitch. It was agreed that this would be on slabs or pinned down but that concrete areas would not be included in plan. *Unanimously agreed.*

The OPC will place further signage on the gate to discourage commercial dog walkers. *Unanimously agreed.*

A memorial plaque for George Northcott will be installed on site TBC. *Unanimously agreed.*

Advertising boards can be used by the OFC during matches and areas of the club house can also be used for sponsors advertising as long as in keeping with the natural environment. Unanimously agreed.

It was agreed that an annual site meeting would be beneficial with regular communication ongoing.

Meeting finished at 16.00