

Tale Millers Cricket Club

Meeting at the 6 Bells Inn Payhembury – Wednesday 18th October 2017

Present

Jon Carden (JC), Riley Burgess (RB), John Pengelly (JP), Fred Bauer (FB), Simon Kittow (SK), Ollie Kittow (OK), Edward East (EE), Janet East, Tim Cox (TC), Sue Derbyshire (SD), Ian Derbyshire (ID), Mark Hamett (MH), Roland Stonex (RS)

Apologies

Neil Chambers, Paul Hyman

Minutes

JC handed out the planning update and asked all members to read at the start of the meeting.

SK thought buildings on stilts not classed as permanent.

JP stated that it depends on the structure and said that the clubhouse was a permanent structure.

JC said the Council have to go through the process and he was keen that the Cricket Club did not want a fight on their hands.

MH said the Council would want it sorted and would be keen to be neutral. The cricket club had transgressed and it was a technical area that needed to be resolved.

JC suggested that we make contact with the ward Councillor, Philip Skinner

MH said it was important to be honest, and that the Club had the best of intentions which were positive. Mr Skinner would be able to advise and help.

JC said advice needed re the fact that the clubhouse is on stilts.

It was felt that the Local Authority would help and that hopefully not too much money would need to be spent and that the path ahead should be explored with Philip Skinner.

SK wondered if the electric and water was disconnected this would cancel out the fact that the structure was permanent.

SD wondered whether the Parish Council should also contact Philip Skinner.

RB said if the building was smaller would the Club get away with not having to have planning permission?

The issue of the 28 day rule was discussed and it was agreed that the Club shouldn't get bogged down as it was generally felt that the Clubhouse is a permanent structure.

TC asked whether the Council had seen a photograph of the structure.

RC was happy to speak to Yestin who is a planning consultant.

ID stated that he didn't really understand what was going on and asked if retrospective planning was required. He also asked what exactly the Council were asking for.

JC explained the situation and said the clubhouse was erected 4 years ago and that the Council were asking them to take the building down in the next 3 weeks. The lack of planning permission was the crux of the matter. There needed to be a plan of action and it was necessary to talk to the Council, find out exactly what was needed and to form a recovery plan. Plans were needed, JC had tried to apply but had given up. Drawings have been prepared. JC also said other forms would need to be completed as well as risk assessments.

SK asked if building regs were needed with retrospective planning – JC said building regs would not be required if planning permission was granted.

JC commented that a meeting with Philip Skinner and Yestin would be worthwhile.

RB asked what costs are involved.

JC said funds were available to cover the cost.

ID said that it would appear there are 4 key issues and it was essential for everyone to work together as the Cricket Club was very important to the community:

- Talk to Philip Skinner
- Look at retrospective planning
- Contact the Council
- Ask what is required

JP said Council would be amenable to the Club approaching them.

FB said the Club need to take papers to them.

JP said the Council would then talk them through the process.

JC commented that the Council would not want a sporting venue to be closed

There was concern that there might be a futuristic planning issue, i.e. JC wanting to build houses on the land.

Agreed that MH would contact Philip Skinner.

SK said the Club needed to prepare figures re number of players, matches played, growth of the Club since it started and the importance of all the young people involved with the Club. The issue of applying for Viridor credits was also discussed.

SD said the Club needed to think about whether neighbours would object as the club needed everyone's support.

ID suggested that the Club approach the Parish Council Chairman for support.

TC said the Club should go to the Council with plans and photos.

MH said contact with Philip Skinner was important and that the Club then needs to meet with the Council planners face to face, and gain as much information as possible and be totally honest with them.

FB was asked how much money was in the Bank. He said approximately £1500 to £2000 but would confirm for the AGM.

JC suggested a sub committee was formed. This was agreed and the committee would comprise JC, MH, and JP. The sub committee would report back at the AGM to be held on the 1st November 2017.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.