

Meeting with Cricket Club Representative dated 30th March

Item 10.1

Meeting with Paul Shippam, The Chairman of the Cricket Club took place on the Memorial Playing Field with Cllrs Hanson and Lloyd, the Clerk and Deputy Clerk on the 30th of March 2021.

Paul highlighted the main issues that the Cricket Club currently have concerning parking in the MPF carpark and especially on match days. One of the problems arises, it is believed, from people working in the High Street that park there all day and there are some nearby residents that park daytimes and overnight.

There was discussion concerning several options

- **Locking the gate, the night before a match day** – but the gate would need maintenance, and this throws up several management issues and has caused major disruption and aggravation when attempted previously.
- **Putting a code lock on the gate** – Similar to above and would lessen some management issues but can create others.
- **Putting up 'no overnight parking' notices** – simple and cheap but has not proved effective previously
- **Putting an A board at the entrance the night before matches** – Again simple and cheap but generally does not prove to be effective as people ignore/ bypass /move these sorts of signs
- **Changing the gate to an electric barrier** – Similar to above and would lessen the management issues but would cost a lot of money both in terms of installation and maintenance. **Ball Park cost - £8K to £12K**
- **Putting in several lockable bollards** - which would allow the Cricket Club to have several exclusive spaces for Cricket/football/other sports games, possibly 8 spaces leaving 10 for other casual use – and self-management could be very effective and reasonable provided SPC provides guidelines/agreement as to managing the restrictions such as not raising the bollards and reserving the bays more than say 6 hours before they are to be used.
Ball Park cost - £ 55 per bollard – Total cost for Bollards and installation approx. £1500

Clerk/Deputy Clerk to get a quote for cost of an electric barrier and also for lockable collapsing bollards – **See above and below**

Paul asked if the car park space lines could be re-lined and the hatched area which allows access to the field showing no parking to be repainted. He queried if the cost is down to the Cricket Club or the Parish Council or possibly joint cost? – **Ball Park figure £450**

The concrete outside of the changing room and round to the Cricket Club is starting to become uneven and is breaking up in places. Paul asked if this could be replaced and if so, could it be squared off in line with the edge of the carpark and with the MPF . Steve Cowley has given the Cricket Club a price for the replacement and again it was queried if the cost is down to the Cricket Club or the Parish Council or could it be a shared cost. He passed the quote on to the Clerk – **Quote approx. £7 to £10K**

Cllr Lloyd informed Paul that these requests would need to go to the committee for discussion and that the lock down had hit everyone including the Parish Council hard and there is a limited budget for projects. He suggested that the Cricket Club investigate the possibility of a Wilson Memorial Trust grant and other sport related grants to help with the costs. Clerk/Deputy Clerk to get quotes for replacement of the concrete area. Clerk to ensure that items are on the appropriate agenda for discussion.