

REFERENDUM / SURVEY

ON A PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE USE OF THE WELLOW PLAYING FIELD

The Proposal is subject to the 7 conditions on the reverse of this sheet being met.

Residents aged 16 years and over are invited to respond for or against the proposal on Saturday 26th January 2013, at the Village Hall, Wellow, between 8am and 8pm.

Proofs of ID and address, and if you are between 16 and 18 years old, proof of age are required. PTO for details if you cannot attend on the 26th.

The Proposal :

1. The construction of a pavilion and double hard tennis court, with fencing and lighting, next to the childrens' playground
2. To reduce the size of the current football pitch designed for 22 players to leave a smaller football pitch, improved by being flattened, designed for 5/6/7 a side football
3. To install outdoor gym equipment, cricket nets and a running track, and to incorporate the already funded boules piste .

Plan of the proposals, showing approximate locations



For the Parish Council to support the proposal, the 7 conditions below must be met. If a majority are in favour of this proposal, then the Parish Council will support the proposal, subject to the 7 conditions below.

Conditions

- 1) The Parish Council is satisfied that funding for any works is achieved before commencement of the works
- 2) The Parish Council is satisfied that the project is financially sustainable, and that financial risks to the Parish Council are minimised and acceptable. *(as a minimum, the Wellow Sports Group to provide a business plan)*
- 3) IF it is determined that the 1958 Deed is valid, then the conditions of the deed must be upheld. *(Current advice is that, if the deed is valid, then the proposal will need to be approved by the Charity Commission.)*
- 4) Planning permission and any constraints applied by planners or Wellow Parish Council *(eg control over the lighting and pavilion)*
- 5) Some form of legal entity, to be agreed by the Parish Council, will be formed to contain the liabilities of the sports/tennis and to manage the sports/tennis. The Management Committee of this legal entity will include provision for two Parish Councillors. The legal entity will be “not-for-profit”, and offer limited liability to the trustees.
- 6) Provision made to meet the "public benefit". *(eg some agreed mechanism to allow those who cannot afford to pay to access the facilities)*
- 7) The Parish Council is satisfied that drainage from the playing field will not be made worse *(and efforts should be made to improve it)*

There are no proposals to change the children’s play area or to the use of the village hall. There is no proposed option for only one tennis court. However, other sports such as netball on the tennis courts, will be incorporated if there is demand and it is feasible.

The Legal bit

This referendum/survey is not allowed to be binding on the Parish Council - that is the law. The Parish Council has to act in the “best interests of the Parish”, and will take all facts into consideration when making its decision - one of those facts is the result of this Referendum/Survey. The Parish Council intends to place great emphasis on the result of this referendum/survey.

Alternative arrangements if you are unable to attend on the 26th January 2013

The arrangements are only for those who are UNABLE to attend.

Contact Alex Martin on 01225 835 254 or alex_wellow@yahoo.co.uk; he will take your voting slip and deliver it to the ballot box. To be eligible to vote, you will need to prove your ID and address, and if you are between 16 and 18 years old, proof of age.

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