

Item For Communities Committee – 14th March 2023

Request from Stoke Mandeville Football Club to Use the Playing Field

Stoke Mandeville Football Club would like to start using the Eskdale Road playing field for their Under 12s teams. This would be from September 2023 for the 2023/24 season.

At the end is the email from Ben Farrow-Stephenson.

If the Communities Committee were to agree to their request then it will need to agree the hire rate and whether to charge a contribution towards the portable toilet. The toilet costs around a £110 per month.

Last time Stoke Mandeville FC used the playing field they were charged £100 for the season.

If they were to hire a pitch from Buckinghamshire Council, it would cost approximately £45.00 but they would have access to toilets and changing accommodation.

Options:

1. Charge Per game - £30 per game.
2. Charge Per season - £500 per season.
3. Contribution to portable toilet - £5 per game or £100 per season.

Evening Tony,

Would it be possible to officially ask a question at the next Parish Council meeting of the possibility for SMFC using Eskdale Road playing fields next season for nine aside games for our under 12 teams for the 2023/2024 season between September-March.

We currently use The Mandeville School as a home base for the majority of our players.

As it stands, we don't have enough room at the school for all our teams due to the growth in interest for children wanting to play under our village name.

We have already had to relocate a few of our teams requiring other pitch sizes to sub-standard Council pitches in Aylesbury which are over played and in huge demand. In Aylesbury, there is only one nine aside pitch available to hire which is predominately block booked by other local sides.

As a club, we only have access to one nine aside pitch at Mandeville School which we also share with Aylesbury United girls.

If this was agreed by the Parish Council, we would purchase fold away metal goals that could be stored away so would not require to be socketed into the ground reducing a hazard risk.

The club would only look to hosting one max two 60-minute games each Sunday at a time that wouldn't interfere with any current bookings you have on the site.

Regarding parking, the squads at nine aside are much smaller than our previous hire agreement of two squads of seven aside playing at once.

Please let me know how we can proceed if this is accepted by the Parish Council.

Best regards,

Ben Farrow-Stevenson

Junior and Senior Club Chairman