

Teddington Sports Centre Management Committee

Minutes of meeting held on 8 September 2009

Present:	Tania Mathias	Resident Representative
	Victor Bradley	Summers – Inman Consultants
	John Fraser	Mace Plus
	Martin Blaiklock	Resident Representative
	Dafna Gornall	Resident Representative
	Peter Mackey	Resident Representative
	Clive Morris	Teddington School
	Nicky Tivnen	Teddington Hockey Club
	Jon Davey	Area Sports Centre Manager
	Colin Sinclair	Head of Sport & Fitness

Apologies:	Cllr Pat Parsons	Ward Councillor
	Cllr Gareth Evans	Ward Councillor
	Jon Spall	
	Jay Patel	Resident Representative
	Dudley Groves	Resident Representative

Minutes

Action

1 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 1 JUNE 2009

- (i) JF apologised about slow progress on the installation of the cowl. This was being manufactured by Sill and was taking some time.

It would be installed week commencing 22 September on the column in the north east corner of the pitch. JF to advise CS of actual date of installation and then CS will inform the residents.

JF
CS

JF explained that the cowl was in effect a 70mm trim that would go around three sides of the light. JF was not certain that this installation would cut out all of the glare to Melbourne Road residents.

CS explained that Mace Plus's key priority was to discharge all of the planning conditions. Once this was achieved, Mace Plus would have no further responsibility and this issue would then become the responsibility of the managers of the sports centre.

CS agreed to visit the affected properties, but it was felt by residents that the glare problem would be seen at its worst after Autumn leaf fall.

CS

MB felt that light pollution could be worse once the school windows were providing added reflection.

- (ii) Acoustic barrier – residents felt that this was not providing the kind of protection from noise pollution that was expected.

JF explained that a further length of barrier was still to be installed along the back of Melbourne Road.

It was felt by the residents that noise from hockey bookings was generally more acceptable than football bookings. Chris Hurst from Environmental Health has been contacted and he would be visiting

properties in Melbourne Road in the near future.

CS indicated that with the opening of the new artificial pitch at Whitton Sport & Fitness Centre, which was primarily a football surface, it may be possible to move some football bookings to Whitton and shift the balance of the Teddington programme more towards hockey than football.

Melbourne Road residents were experiencing many footballs being kicked over the acoustic barrier and into their gardens. CS suggested that the installation of netting above the acoustic barrier might be an option.

DG explained that Natural England had been contacted with regard to the need for a bat survey as numbers observed in the corridor between the pitch and back gardens seemed to be declining.

2 RESIDENTS' ISSUES

- (i) There was discussion about the Travel Plan, which was still being considered by the Planners. JD would contact Roy Summers in Planning to enquire about progress. JD
- (ii) There was discussion about the switching off of lights if there were no bookings. JD explained that sometimes these were left on as a club may have booked but not turned up. JD would ask all staff to be vigilant about ensuring that the lights were never unnecessarily switched on. JD
- (iii) It was suggested that Roy Summers from Planning and local Councillors could be invited to the next meeting of the Group. CS explained that Councillors already received agendas and minutes of these meetings.

4 USER ISSUES

No user issues were raised.

5 CENTRE MANAGER'S REPORT

JD presented the Centre report and Finance report.

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No further items were raised.

7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

This would be arranged after the trial of the lighting cowl had been conducted.