

Loddon & Chedgrave Playing Field Report 2021

The committee met 3 times virtually throughout the year. The main focus has been the aspirations of the Loddon United Football Club. The Committee discussed the feasibility of partitioning off the football pitches so as to help with the maintenance of the surface and deter incursion by vehicles. We rejected the proposal but have installed bollards at the Hall end and Kittens Lane to deter vehicles from driving on the field and Saffron have installed a low post and rail fence to improve security. The tennis courts have not been used and so there has been a loss of income. The use of the courts was raised by the football club asking for the surface to be changed into a multi use games area to afford a training area for the football club. They were tasked with obtaining a business plan for the scheme. Work has progressed with clearing up the trees around the court and removing ivy etc from the side fencing.

At its latest meeting 31.3.21, the committee agreed to support the installation of 4 CCTV cameras on the Jubilee Hall to help with security of the Hall and surveillance of the field, tennis court, hall and Hockey Field. The PFC has obtained a grant from the Lawn Tennis Association to improve the booking system and court locks thus making the court booking much easier to manage.

The LUFC also proposed to ask the PFC for an undertaking to back their application for a grant from the Football Association to improve the pitches on both the main field and Hockey Field. The LUFC can obtain a £30K grant but have to find another £15K payable over 6 years. The LUFC said that they would be able pay £7500 and asked for an undertaking that the PFC would match fund. The PFC agreed subject to the LUFC making funding grants.

Future projects will be the updating of the Constitution and representatives.