



Seaford Town Council

Seaford Town Council's Community Services Committee Agenda – 5th May 2022

To the Members of the Community Services Committee

Councillors O Honeyman (Chair), L Wallraven (Vice-Chair), N Adil, J Cash, S Dunn, J Edson, M Everden, MA Hayder, R Hayder, J Meek and B Webb.

A meeting of the **Community Services Committee** will be held at the **Council**

Chambers, 37 Church Street, Seaford, BN25 1HG on **Thursday 5th May 2022** at

7.00pm, which you are summoned to attend.

Adam Chugg

Town Clerk

28th April 2022

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

To consider apologies for absence.

2. Disclosure of Interests

To deal with any disclosure by Members of any disclosable pecuniary interests and interests other than pecuniary interests, as defined under the Seaford Town Council Code of Conduct and the Localism Act 2011, in relation to matters on the agenda.

3. Public Participation

To deal with any questions, or brief representations, from members of the public in accordance with relevant legislation and Seaford Town Council Policy.

4. Projects & Facilities Manager Update Report

To consider report 213/21 informing the Committee of progress and actions relating to Seaford Town Council's assets and services (pages 5 to 13).

5. Seaford Town Football Club – Football Pitch Fencing and Community Dog Park

To consider report 206/21 informing the Committee of a request from Seaford Town Football Club to place fencing around the Crouch football pitch and build a community dog park (pages 14 to 23).

6. Seaford Cricket Club – Fencing Around Cricket Nets

To consider report 207/21 informing the Committee of a request from Seaford Cricket to install 3m high fencing around their cricket nets (pages 24 to 28).

7. Assets of Community Value

To consider report 217/21 providing the Committee with an update on the local Assets of Community Value (pages 29 to 30).

AGENDA NOTES

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Seaford Town Council

Report No:	213/21
Agenda Item No:	4
Committee:	Community Services
Date:	5th May 2022
Title:	Projects & Facilities Manager Update Report
By:	Tony Jackson, Projects & Facilities Manager
Purpose of Report:	To inform the Committee on progress and actions relating to Seaford Town Council's assets and services.

Recommendations
The Community Services Committee is recommended:
1.To note the contents of the report.

1. Projects and Facilities Information

1.1 The Salts Recreation Ground

Tennis Courts

The courts are almost completed bar the painting of the courts, which will happen in the week commencing 9th May (subject to weather) and general snagging works.

The courts can be played on before they are painted, so the soft start launched on 26th April. By nature, the soft launch does mean there is only limited use, with people able to book just pay and play sessions. The officially opening is planned for Saturday 21st May with an opening event hosted by the Mayor and Young Major.

Only one tender submission was received to take on full operating of the courts and none were received for only coaching. Officers are working with the one submission, as they have asked for amendments to the licence which are yet to be agreed. If this is unsuccessful, officers will retender.

Phase 2 CCTV

Approximately 60% of the project to install cameras all around the park was completed in 2019, with the remaining works put on hold until 2022. £5,000 has been allocated for this work in the 2022 – 2023 budget.

Officers successfully applied for a grant from Safer Communities- Eastbourne and Lewes District Joint Action Group (JAG) for £1,840 towards the project.

The project can now be completed and will mean there will be cameras covering the Scout Hall, Rugby Club, tennis court entrance and Lifeguard Station.

Playground

Officers have obtained quotes for resurfacing works which have come in higher than expected. These works include resurfacing around the under-five and toddlers area, and to the main footpath that goes around the whole playground.

With this in mind, officers are looking to carry out these works gradually over the next four years, from 2022 – 2023 to 2025 - 2026. Funding has also been applied for from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). If this is successful, officers hope to complete works to the footpath and one of the play areas this year.

1.2 Seafront

Martello Toilets/Café

Tender submissions have been received from contractors for the project. These are being reviewed by the project cost consultant who will produce a report with his findings and recommendations soon.

Planning permission has been granted.

The lottery fund application is progressing as planned with officers supplying additional project information to the lottery board. An update is expected in May.

Seasonal Beach Huts

The huts are all in place and will be ready to rent from May.

Bönningstedt Wall

Unfortunately, even though the main structure of the wall was undamaged, the gabion panels failed in the recent storms. Officers are working with the structural engineer who oversaw the work to look at design solutions so this does not happen again.

Bin Replacement

Officers hope to commence this project very soon. There is quite a long lead time for bins, so these may not be in place for the summer.

Finger Post Signs

The Planning Officer is working to see how soon these can be installed.

1.3 Open Spaces

Martello Field

Quotes have been received to replace the fencing to both fields which is in a very bad state of repair. The Town Council has set aside £10,000 towards this and officers have applied to CIL for £12,165. If the bid is successful, the work will be carried out this year. If not successful, the work

will be gradually carried out over the next four years, from 2022 – 2023 to 2025 - 2026

1.4 Projects Overview List

Please see the list at Appendix A. This is a working document and is subject to change; for example, if additional funding is received or projects are reprioritised.

External Grants

Current grant applications:

Purpose	Grant Organisation	Amount	Status
Salts Tennis Courts	CIL 1 st Bid	£20,000	Successful
Salts Tennis Courts	Sports England	£40,000	Successful
Salts Tennis Courts	CIL 2 nd Bid	£40,000	Successful
Salts Tennis Courts	LTA contribution	£7,000	Successful
Martello Fence Replacement	CIL	£12,165	Pending
Salts CCTV	JAG	£1,840	Successful
Salts Playground	CIL	£11,196	Pending
Martello Toilets and Café	Community Lottery Fund	£222,550	Resubmitted

1.5 Storm Eunice

As well as the Bönningstedt Wall, there was storm damage to the decking to the front of the Martello Kiosk, the toilet hut at Bönningstedt, a tree down at Blatchington Pond, fencing at The Crouch and The View, and roof damage to South Hill Barn, Hurdis House and the Martello Toilets. All remedial works have been either carried out or will be in the next few weeks.

1.6 Filming and Photography

The Town Council's Film and Liaison Officer (FLO) has met with Sussex Wildlife Trust to update the parking plan and agree rest areas on Seaford Head Nature Reserve as part of updating the Film Policy for summer 2022.

At the beginning of spring there were several fashion shoots and small productions. The FLO is currently working with Netflix and Natural England to gain assent regarding a current film application.

There will be filming on Seaford Head Nature Reserve, and in one of the Coastguard Cottages during May. The FLO has been working with the local farmer to ensure the large crew can base in his field to reduce the impact on the public and Seaford Head Nature Reserve. Sussex Wildlife Trust supports the unit base being situated off of the SSSI.

1.7 Events

Work has been happening behind the scenes to deliver three Town Council events during June. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon Lighting & Celebrations, Sussex Day and Veterans & Armed Forces Day.

Jubilee Celebrations

Town Council officers have been working with a metal fabricator (Smith Metal Fabrications Ltd) to make a Beacon Brazier and local fencing company (Wynnes/Seaford Fencing) to supply the post and installation. Officers would like to thank both these companies for offering their services free of charge.

The beacon will be sited at Splash Point/the bottom of Seaford Head with Buckingham Palace's celebration guidelines followed for the lighting ceremony on Thursday 2nd June at 9.45pm. Along with this, a bagpiper will play 'Diu Regnare', a Bugal player will undertake the bugle call – 'Majesty' and the Archway Choir will sing 'Song for the Commonwealth'. All being proclaimed by Seaford's Town Crier, Peter White from 2pm on Thursday 2nd June.

The View has also put a programme of events together for people to meet and celebrate with a Best of British themed menu on Thursday 2nd June, before the Beacon lighting ceremony, and an Afternoon Tea with the Mayor on Friday 3rd June as part of the Big Jubilee Lunch Event.

Sussex Contemporary Illustrators & Printers (SCIP) will also be marking the celebrations as part of the Beacon Show along the promenade, with volunteers available from 10 am – 12 pm at various points along the trail to speak to the community about the project, the artworks and the stories, with a free guided tour in the afternoon. Local charity, Cycling Without Age Seaford, will be running free accessible tours of the exhibition for elderly or disabled members of the community.

Sussex Day Celebrations

This year the Sussex Day celebrations will be held on Thursday 16th June at the Martello Tower/ Kiosk site along the promenade where the Sussex Day flag will be raised along with Seaford Town Crier, Peter White reading the official 'Sussex Day Charter'.

Veterans & Armed Forces Day

Committee meetings have been held to discuss the event being held for the first time since 2019 following Covid-19 restrictions. The event will be held on Martello East Field on Saturday 25th June, with a smaller parade from Martello Tower to the East Field.

1.8 Concessions

West View Concession Huts

All four concession huts will be back on the promenade and trading from 1st May 2022 until the end of September 2022, as per the Town Council's planning licence. Traders this season will be INLE Home, Ritualise, I Love Brighton Photography and Onneke Illustrations.

Promenade

There have been two tender sites advertised this year, one site for South Hill Barn and another for the Promenade/ Dane Road site. Please see an updated list below of all of our non-fixed concession;

Holy Cow re-opened their hut in time for the children’s Easter Holidays

Crepes de la Crème re-tendered for the Dane Road/ Esplanade site and have been awarded the site for the next three years.

Carnival Ice Creams continue trading as an all-year concession at the start of Bönningstedt Promenade.

Skipper Water Sports will be returning to Bönningstedt Promenade for the months of July and August for their water sports concession.

Yarworths have advised officers they no longer wish to trade from Bönningstedt Promenade and the site has been offered to **Parker’s** fishing/shellfish shed, who will hopefully be looking to start trading in May 2022, with fresh seafood sandwiches and salads and seafood pots.

South Hill Barn: following retender of the site, **Brewsters and Co.** have been awarded a three-year licence.



High and Over: currently no concession trading from this site.

2. Financial Appraisal

2.1 There are no direct financial implications as a result of this report.

3. Contact Officer

The Contact Officer for this report is Tony Jackson, Projects & Facilities Manager.

Projects & Facilities Manager	
Town Clerk	

STC Projects Overview April 2022

Project	Description	Total Cost for year	STC Contribution	Grant Funding	Notes
2021-2022					
Salts Tennis Courts	Refurbishment of three tennis courts to include electronic booking system and floodlighting.	£198,647	£20,000 + upto £10,000 for increase in materials	Partly	Project underway, will be completed May 2022.
Martello Tower Survey	Professional fees to carry out condition survey.	£4,000	£4,000	No	Survey completed
2022-2023					
Martello Toilets and Café	Demolish existing Martello toilets. New build to house toilets, changing places room and café.	£427,550	£205,000 if grant is successful	Pending grant from National Lottery for £222,750	
Salts CCTV	Complete CCTV install to the Salts Recreation Ground.	£5,000	£5,000	Yes £1,840	To install cameras in areas not covered within the 19/20 project.
Martello Fields Fence Yr 1	Fence replacement	£10,000	£10,000	Possibly	Work to be carried out over 3 years. May be brought forward if grant funding available.
Salts Playground Renovation Works Yr 1	General renovation works to include improved pathways, general ground covering and equipment replacement.	£15,000	£15,000	Possibly	Work to be carried out over 3 years. May be brought forward if grant funding available.
Martello Tower Renovation Works Yr 1	General renovation as detailed in survey.	£4,000	£4,000	Possibly	To be carried out over 3 years
Seafront Lamp post head replacement	Replace heads to all 13 lamp posts from the Martello Tower to Splashpoint	£3,500	£3,500	No	To come out of Seafront-Grounds Maintenance Non Contract budget
Grounds Maintenance Contract Review	Review the existing maintenance contract with a view to STC running their own contract as opposed to through LDC	£10,000	£10,000	No	Costs for professional fees
Seafront Bins	Replace bins (normal and recycled waste) the whole length of the prom.	£20,000	£20,000	No	Existing bins old, many are broken but still useable. Currently no provisions for recycling of waste.
South Hill Barn Development Plan	Professional costs to further develop plan.	£10,000	£10,000	Possibly	
South Hill Barn	Building works recommended by structural report.	£5,000	£5,000	Possibly	high priority remedial works
Signage to Cuckmere Haven	Install signage to direct the public away from the dangerous path along the A259 leading to Cuckmere Haven to the footpath off Chyngton Lane.	£5,000	£5,000	Possibly	
Seafront Promenade Repair Works Yr 1	Patch repairs to concrete, ongoing over 4 years	£4,000	£4,000	No	To come out of Seafront-Grounds Maintenance Non Contract budget
NEW Community Centre	Town Clerk will bring a report on next steps to a future meeting.			Possibly	
2023-2024					
Martello Fields Water Refill Station	Water station and tap to the east Martello Field	£15,000	£15,000	Possibly	Previously planned for 2022-23. Officers will still look at funding options to bring the project forward.
Rainbow Bench	Installation of a Rainbow Bench to recognise the effort of the NHS and front line workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.	£1,000	£1,000	Possibly	Report in options to be brought to next Community Services meeting.
Electric Point to Bonningstedt Concession	Install electric point and meter for the Ice Cream Concession at Bonningstedt	£20,000	£20,000	No	
Martello Fields Fence Yr 2	Fence replacement	£10,000	£10,000	Possibly	Work to be carried out over 3 years. May be brought forward if grant funding available.
Salts Playground Renovation Works Yr 2	General renovation works to include improved pathways, general ground covering and equipment.	£15,000	£15,000	Possibly	Work to be carried out over 3 years. May be brought forward if grant funding available.

Seafront Promenade Repair Works Yr 2	Patch repairs to concrete	£7,000	£7,000	Possibly	To come out of Seafront-Grounds Maintenance Non Contract budget
Martello Tower Renovation Works Yr 2	General renovation as detailed in survey.	£4,000	£4,000	Possibly	To be carried out over 3 years
Salts Development Plan-Feasibility Works	STC officers to work with specialist grant management and landscaping services organisation, Groundwork South, to develop the plan and support us with large grant funding applications.	£15,000	£15,000	Possibly	Project agreed with Council earlier in the year. Project put back to 23/24
Seafront Sandpits	Install two sandpits along the seafront-part of Seafront Improvement Plan.	£5,000	£5,000	Possibly	Will look at various funding options.
2024-2025					
Martello Fields Fence Yr 3	Fence replacement	£10,000	£10,000	Possibly	Work to be carried out over 3 years. May be brought forward if grant funding available.
Seafront Promenade Repair Works Yr 3	Patch repairs to concrete	£7,000	£7,000	Possibly	To come out of Seafront-Grounds Maintenance Non Contract budget
Salts Playground Renovation Works Yr 3	General renovation works to include improved pathways, general ground covering and contribution to replacment of equipment.	£15,000	£15,000	Possibly	Work to be carried out over 3 years. May be brought forward if grant funding available.
Martello Tower Renovation Works Yr 3	General renovation as detailed in survey.	£4,000	£4,000	Possibly	To be carried out over 3 years
Seafront Sandpits	Install two sandpits along the seafront-part of Seafront Improvement Plan.	£5,000	£5,000	Possibly	Will look at various funding options.
2025-2026					
Seafront Promenade Repair Works Yr 4	Patch repairs to concrete	£7,000	£7,000	Possibly	To come out of Seafront-Grounds Maintenance Non Contract budget
Martello Tower Renovation Works Yr 4	General renovation as detailed in survey.	£4,000	£4,000	Possibly	To be carried out over 3 years
Projects to Consider					
Various sites	Plant 1,000 whip trees	£2,000	£0	No	Costs covered by Tree Wardens EMR. Need to identify site.
Bonningstedt Memorial		£30,000	£30,000	Possibly	£30,000 spread over 3 years income accounted for 1 year later . Income should cover all costs eventually



Seaford Town Council

Report No:	215/21
Agenda Item No:	5
Committee:	Community Services
Date:	5th May 2022
Title:	Seaford Town Football Club – Football Pitch Fence and Community Dog Park
By:	Tony Jackson, Projects & Facilities Manager
Purpose of Report:	To inform the Committee of a request from Seaford Town Football Club to place fencing around the Crouch football pitch and build a community dog park.

Recommendations

The Community Services Committee is recommended:

1. To note the contents of the report.
2. To consider, in principle, whether to support the following projects on the understanding that this does not predetermine the Town Council's Planning & Highways Committee's response to any subsequent planning applications submitted, which will be handled in the usual manner:
 - a. Fencing around the main football pitch at The Crouch.
 - b. Construction of a community dog park outside the pitch, to the north-east corner of the Crouch.

1. Information

- 1.1 Seaford Town Football Club is an all-inclusive, non-profit football club.
- 1.2 As well as lots of success on the pitch, the club also does a huge amount to support the local community and charities.

2. Fence to Football Pitch

- 2.1** The Club have approached the Town Council regarding installing an 8 foot fence around the main football pitch at The Crouch.
- 2.2** The main reason for this is to give better protection to the pitch from items such as vandalism, general footfall and hazardous dog waste not picked up.
- 2.3** During non-match times the pitch, within the fenced area, will be open to the public. However, it is hoped that by having the fencing as well as signage, it will encourage people to be respectful of the pitch. For example, by keeping dogs on leads, picking up waste etc.
- 2.4** Please see more information on the proposal in Appendix 1.
- 2.5** The Club also makes the point that compared to other clubs of their standard in Sussex and Surrey, they are the only club without an enclosed pitch. See Appendix 2.

3. Community Dog Park

- 3.1** The Club understands there may be concern from dog owners who feel they can only safely exercise their dogs within an enclosed area.
- 3.2** In response to this the Club have proposed building a community dog park outside of the fenced in area.
- 3.3** This low-fenced area will create a space where nervous dogs and those with poor recall can exercise safely. It could also be used for dog training and a space for dog groups to meet.

4. Recommendations



- 4.1** The Committee is asked to consider giving its support, in principle, to these projects. This will enable the Club to move onto the next stage of obtaining more detailed designs and applying for planning permission.
- 4.2** If aspects of the proposals submitted are subject to planning permissions, these will of course go through the Town Council's Planning & Highways Committee as part of the usual consultation process carried out by the local planning authority, Lewes District Council.
- 4.3** Officers will report back to the relevant committees with project updates and variations should these arise.

5. Financial Appraisal

5.1 The Club will be fully funding the projects themselves, so there are no financial implications for the Town Council.

6. Contact Officer

6.1 The Contact Officer for this report is Tony Jackson, Projects & Facilities Manager.

Projects & Facilities Manager	
Town Clerk	

SEAFORD TOWN FC

FOOTBALL AT THE CROUCH DEVELOPMENT PLAN - MARCH 2022

INTRO

Seaford Town Football Club is a non-profit club run by volunteers that has been serving Seaford since its formation in 1888. We are the largest sports club in the town with 30 teams and over 2,000 members. We hold the 'Community Club Charter Standard' which is the highest award The FA gives to football clubs. Out of the 4,500 clubs with a charter standard there are only 460 Community Clubs of which we are one and the only one locally.

We pride ourselves on our 'football for all' ethos and cater for everyone. Men, women, boys and girls all have access to football through the club, aged from 4 years old to 50+, everyone is welcome. As well as our mainstream offering, we also have highly commended inclusive teams that give children with additional social or physical needs a safe space to participate in and enjoy football.

Over the last 3 years, through COVID and beyond, we have made a special effort to be an asset to our community and use our special position in the town to do good. We have raised into the tens of thousands for various charities and local causes, delivered over 100 toys to a local children's hospital, supplied 100's of free meals to children from low-income families and are always thinking of creative ways to support our town.

As a club we have big aspirations and want to build a successful club that can continue to grow and invest in our community and improve sporting facilities. A town our size can support a much bigger club and locally to us Lewes FC are a big inspiration. Lewes FC are a community conscious club that is point of pride for the town of Lewes and something we aspire to be.

Our home ground is located in The Crouch Gardens, Bramber Lane, Seaford. It is an open park area with our pitch framed by a spectator's barrier. At our standard of football we have various minimum requirements called 'Ground Gradings' that we must achieve to be able to compete. Currently we are only just ticking the boxes and are at the very low end of these standards. In this development plan we have detailed improvements we wish to make that will secure our place in county league football and beyond and provide a safe space for people to enjoy sport in the town whilst improving the standard of facilities available to the public.

The clubhouse is currently undergoing renovations to bring to a modern standard. We have recently installed an accessibility ramp and sliding door so those in wheelchairs can access the clubhouse for the first time and at the end of the season in May we will complete the works on renovating our toilets to be accessible. A part of these works are a full redecoration of the clubhouse.

FOOTBALL GROUND



The Crouch Gardens are conveniently located in the centre of town. A short walk from the town centre and local amenities. The gardens host; Ornamental Gardens, Seaford Bowls Club, a children's park, mini-football pitch (for youth football), Mercread Youth Centre, Seaford Town Football Club and a large open green space around the football pitch.

We pay for and maintain our clubhouse, 8 floodlights, sheltered seating stand, modern CCTV system and a store house. This month we signed a new 50-year lease with the town council securing our partnership with the town for many generations to come.

Because of the open nature of the park the football club suffers from vandalism and are we limited to what we can do due to fear of wasting money and effort on things that will be destroyed.

The first development we are seeking council approval for in this plan is to fence in the football playing area allowing us to control the pitch area and ensure it is safe and suitable for a club that plays at the standard of football we do.

Dog walkers are using the pitch area to exercise their dogs on a daily basis. Additional football damages the pitch and hazardous dog waste which is often left behind is a danger if gets into the eyes, nose or mouth of players and can mean a trip to the hospital. With thanks to the Council it has recently been agreed for us to take responsibility of pitch maintenance on a 1 year trial basis. The club will be investing its own funds into the improvement of the playing surface and we are keen to ensure this money is not wasted due to improper use of the playing area.

From recent conversations with members of the public it has been found that some use the pitch area as their dogs may be nervous or prone to running off. We have a proposal that is detailed further in this plan to build a community dog park in the open space adjacent from the pitch so all parties are catered for in the park.

The fence will protect our inclusive teams who train every Saturday morning. They are often interrupted by dogs running through their sessions and because of the additional needs of the

players this is highly disruptive. Inclusive players can, and do, run from the sessions which our current barrier does some work in protecting against but a proper fence would give parents and coaches full peace of mind that their children are playing football in a secure facility.

On match days we rely on several volunteers to man the various entry points around the park, of which there are 5. This is a lot to ask from a team of volunteers as it is a lonely job detached from the goings on of the fixture. The club loses money on entry fees as people can enter over low walls and unmanned gates. An appropriate fence would mean we can install 2 turnstiles to manage the flow of people into the match. This is typical of club grounds that play at our standard of football and something we do not currently have and can never have without a suitable fence.

As well as our own usage, this winter we have partnered with local running club, Seaford Striders, to give them the benefit of our flood lights (at our own cost) to host their youth training sessions while the evenings are too dark. This is so their youth section has a safe space away from the roads to run and train. The proposed fenced area will still give them ample space to train if they do wish to use our floodlights in future winters.

Seaford Bowls Club benefits from being in a gated area where people are free to walk through if they need to but are diverted around to keep the sports facilities semi-private which is the same as we are asking for at the football club.

We would like to build an 8ft fence around the boundary for the pitch highlighted in red below. This fence will have open gates which the public are free to walk through but we would ask that when walking through the fenced area that dogs are kept on leads to avoid spoiling the pitch. This fence will mean that the public still have free use of the park as they do now but gives us a boundary we can control and protect like the bowls club currently has.



KEY: Red = Fence, Blue = Gate, Green Turnstile.

1. The entrance closest to the clubhouse (Bramber Lane) will have a gate large enough for an ambulance/delivery truck. Same as we have now. But we will also install a turnstile for match days. This entrance will be open to the public at all times except when a football fixture is being played. We will ask for dogs to remain on a lead when inside the fenced football area.
2. The entrance from the strip of land leading up from Bramber Road will have gate large enough for an ambulance/delivery truck. We will also install a turnstile for match days. Again this entrance will be open to the public except when a football fixture is being played.
3. A person sized gate off from the entrance of the play park area. This entrance will be open to the public at all times except when a football fixture is being played.

This design has meant that the public still benefits from all the open park space around the ground to walk, enjoy and exercise dogs and still has full access to the football area except when a fixture is being played. But it means we can better maintain the football ground and we create a dedicated secure space to build a football club and protect a vital sports facility in the town for generations to come.

We have detailed a comparison of our football facility versus those of other clubs that play at our standard of football across Sussex & Surrey. Please see Annex 1. Shockingly we are the only club out of 38 regionally that does not have an enclosed facility and we are the only club that plays in an open park.

A comparison to our immediate neighbours that play at the same standard of football:

Club Name	Type of facility
Newhaven FC	Enclosed Ground
Peacehaven & Telscombe FC	Enclosed Ground
Hailsham FC	Enclosed Ground
Saltdean FC	Enclosed Ground
Seaford Town FC	Open Park

Even from a point of pride in our town we should have comparable facilities to our neighbours in surrounding smaller towns and villages.

Hopefully you are able to see how important this is to the successful development of the club and what we can provide to the town with its approval. Without the fence the club will be at a ceiling of growth and unable to progress. As a non-profit we do not have the funds or ability to seek a new location in which to build an enclosed facility, so this is our only option if we are to have any hope in progressing. Putting restrictions on the future success of a sports club will limit volunteers inspiration, hinder the clubs ability to attract new players and limit the development of skills of youth players in the town.

Importantly this can all be achieved at no cost to the town council. Being a county league football club we have access to the Football Foundation (<https://footballfoundation.org.uk/looking-for-funding>) which provides grants to clubs to improve facilities. We will be able to secure 70% of the funding through this channel and raise the remaining ourselves. We have recently drawn funds from this scheme to repair our flat roof with the help and support of the Town Council.

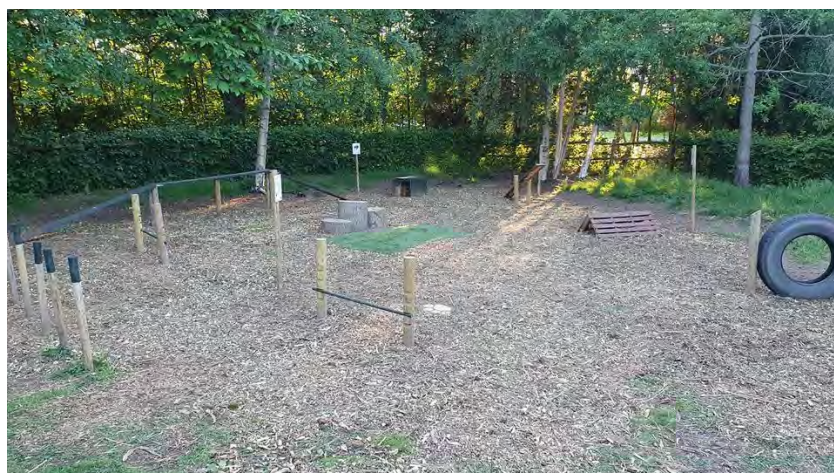
COMMUNITY DOG PARK

Understandably there will be some concerns from neighbours who use the football pitch to exercise their dogs. To address these issues we propose the council grants us permission to build a community dog park in the large green space adjacent to the pitch. Highlighted in yellow in the image below.



This space will be perfect for owners of nervous dogs or those that have poor recall that are currently using the pitch for this purpose. A walk to and from the dog park plus an exercise inside will be more than enough to keep a dog well exercised. It can also be a space for local community groups to meet and train their dogs.

This idea has been inspired by Hellingly Dog Park (image below)(<https://www.facebook.com/HellinglyDogPark/>). Our park will be 3x the size of the one in Hellingly (Hailsham) which has been a great success there. Dog parks are common in Australia and America and are becoming more popular in the UK.



As well as this fenced area walkers will still have ample green space in the surrounding area to run and exercise their dogs freely if they choose not to use the dog park. As well as all the other local parks and greenspaces that Seaford has to offer.

The park will be a community project funded, built and maintained through the goodwill of our community which the club is happy to take a lead in and responsibility for, saving the council any additional work or cost.

Following the approval of the park we would like to engage the youth of Seaford and run a design competition, open to children of primary and secondary age in Seaford. We can then bring the winning design to life through an army of volunteers to build out and pay for materials from donations through a go-fund-me collection page.

We would look to make the dog park area accessible for those in wheelchairs and we will take consultation on how best to deliver this. The football club has a number of supporters and volunteers that are wheelchair users that can appropriately advise.

SUMMARY

It is with great hope that this plan is seen to be a positive step forwards for the town and club by bringing the football ground up to standard with other towns and villages whilst also providing new amenities to our neighbors and the town as whole.

- Fencing will create a safe space for children with additional needs to enjoy football from and give adult players and spectators a better and more professional match day experience. As the club grows it has more tools in which to do good in the community with. All whilst still giving free access to the public when matches are not being played and at no cost to the town council.
- A Community Dog Park that will give dog walkers and community groups a safe space to exercise their canine companions. Removes the friction between the football club and dog walkers that use the football ground to exercise dogs on and leave mess behind making a more cohesive community. Paid for, built and maintained by the goodwill of the community.

If you have any follow up questions or would like to discuss in more detail, please do feel free to contact our Chairman, Tom Webster: chairman@seafordtownfc.com

Thank you for taking the time to consider these proposals. Your support is greatly appreciated.



215/21 Appendix 2

Club	Type	Address
AFC Uckfield	Enclosed	Framfield, Uckfield TN22 5QL
AFC Varndeanians	Private Venue	Tongdean Avenue, Brighton BN1 5JD
Alfold	Enclosed	Elliot Scott Group Stadium, Dunsfold Road, Alfold, Surrey GU6 8JE
Arundel	Enclosed	Mill Road, Arundel, West Sussex. BN18 9PA
Bexhill United	Gated Park	The Polegrove, Brockley Rd, Bexhill-on-Sea TN39 3DP
Billingshurst	Private Venue	Jubilee Fields, Newbridge Road, Billingshurst RH14 9HZ
Broadbridge Heath	Enclosed	The Countryside Stadium, Wickhurst Lane, Broadbridge Heath, West Sussex RH12 3YS
Crawley Down Gatwick	Enclosed	The Haven Centre, Hophurst Lane, Crawley Down, West Sussex RH10 4LJ
Dorking Wanders Reserves	Private Venue	Meadowbank Football Ground, Mill Ln, Dorking RH4 1DX
East Preston	Enclosed	Lashmar Road, Littlehampton BN16 1ES
Eastbourne Town	Enclosed	The Saffrons, Compton Place Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN21 1EA
Eastbourne Utd	Enclosed	Channel View Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN22 7LN
Epsom & Ewell	Private Venue	Guildford Rd, Fetcham, Leatherhead KT22 9AS
Forest Row	Private Venue	Tinsley Lane, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 8AT
Godalming Town	Enclosed	Meadow, Godalming, Surrey, GU7 3JF
Hailsham Town	Enclosed	The Beaconsfield, Western Rd, Hailsham BN27 3DY
Hassocks	Enclosed	6 Pound Gate, Hassocks BN6 9LU
Horsham YMCA	Enclosed	Gorings Mead, Horsham, West Sussex RH13 5BP
Lingfield	Enclosed	The Pavilion, Godstone Rd, Lingfield RH7 6BT
Little Common	Enclosed	Green Lane, Bexhill-On-Sea, East Sussex TN39 4PH
Littlehampton Town	Gated Park	The Sportsfield, St Flora's Road, Littlehampton, West Sussex BN17 6BC
Loxwood	Enclosed	Plaistow Road, Loxwood, West Sussex RH14 0SX
Midhurst & Easebourne	Enclosed	Dodsley Grove, Easebourne, Midhurst GU29 9BE
Mile Oak	Gated Park	157 Graham Ave, Mile Oak, Portslade, Brighton BN41 2WN
Montpelier Villa	Private Venue	Culver Road, Lancing - BN15 9AX
Newhaven	Enclosed	The Trafalgar Ground,, Fort Rd, Newhaven BN9 9DA
Oakwood	Private Venue	Tinsley Lane, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 8AT
Pagham	Enclosed	Nyetimber La, Bognor Regis PO21 3JY
Peacehaven & Telscombe	Enclosed	Piddinghoe Ave, Peacehaven BN10 8RH
Roffey	Enclosed	Bartholomew Way, Horsham RH12 5JL
Saltdean United	Enclosed	Hill Park, Coombe Vale, Brighton BN2 8HJ
Seaford Town	Open Park	The Crouch, Bramber Ln, Seaford BN25 1AE
Selsey	Enclosed	Bunn Leisure Stadium, High Street Ground, High Street, Selsey PO20 0QG
Shoreham	Enclosed	Middle Rd, Shoreham-by-Sea BN43 6GA
Steyning Town	Enclosed	Shooting Fld, Steyning BN44 3RQ
Storrington	Enclosed	Pulborough Road, Storrington, West Sussex RH20 4HJ
Wick	Enclosed	Crabtree Park/Coomes Way, Littlehampton BN17 7LP
Worthing United	Enclosed	Lyons Way, Worthing BN14 9LA

CLOSE NEIGHBOURS

Hailsham Town	Enclosed
Peacehaven & Telscombe	Enclosed
Saltdean United	Enclosed
Newhaven	Enclosed
Seaford Town	Open Park

KEY

Open Park	Open to the public at all times except when fixture is being played
Gated Park	Open to the public but fenced off and gated.
Enclosed	In a public space but fenced off and closed off to the public
Private Venue	Dedicated private facility



Seaford Town Council

Report No:	216/21
Agenda Item No:	6
Committee:	Community Services
Date:	5th May 2022
Title:	Seaford Cricket Club - Fencing around Cricket Nets
By:	Tony Jackson, Projects & Facilities Manager
Purpose of Report:	To inform the Committee of a request from Seaford Cricket to install 3m high fencing around their cricket nets.

Recommendations
The Community Services Committee is recommended:
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To note the contents of the report.2. To consider, in principle, whether to support Seaford Cricket Club's request to erect a 3m fence around their cricket nets adjacent to the cricket pavilion at The Salts.3. This will be on the understanding that this does not predetermine the Town Council's Planning & Highways Committee's response to any subsequent planning applications submitted, which will be handled in the usual manner:

1. Information

- 1.1** Seaford Cricket Club have cricket nets located next to their pavilion.
- 1.2** Over the years the netting has been subject to vandalism and misuse causing the Club thousands of pounds of damage.
- 1.3** The Club has contacted officers with a request to erect a 3m high wire fence, similar to the new tennis court fence, around their practice nets. Appendix 1 gives more details of the request. Appendix 2 shows the type of fence proposed and where it will be located.

2. Recommendations



- 2.1 The Committee is asked to consider giving its support, in principle, to this project. This will enable the club to move onto the next stage of obtaining costings and applying for planning permission.
- 2.2 If aspects of the proposals submitted are subject to planning permissions, these will of course go through the Town Council's Planning & Highways Committee as part of the usual consultation process carried out by the local planning authority, Lewes District Council.
- 2.3 Officers will report back to the relevant committees with project updates and variations should these arise.

3. Financial Appraisal

- 3.1 All clubs will be fully funding their projects themselves, so there are no financial implications for the Town Council.

4. Contact Officer

- 4.1 The Contact Officer for this report is Tony Jackson, Projects & Facilities Manager.

Projects & Facilities Manager	
Town Clerk	

Report 216/21 Appendix 1

Seaford Cricket Club

Seaford CC have two outdoor Cricket nets, located next to the Clubhouse on the SALTS. These nets are a very important cricket practice facility for our Club.

The nets get constant use for practice during 6 months of the year by juniors, ladies and men; all members of Seaford CC.

In addition on match days visiting teams also use the nets.

The Cricket nets facility is made up of specialist components which includes netting, net batting surface and support structure. All of which is specifically designed for use for Cricket practice only. Seaford CC use their club funds to ensure that the Cricket nets facility is maintained to a professional standard.

Over the last four years Seaford CC have invested approx £11,000 on the Cricket net facility; this has included new netting to side and roof, new support structure for the nets and a major refurbishment of the flooring.

Unfortunately there are more frequent instances of our Cricket nets facility being abused by members of the public; even though we have tried unsuccessfully to discourage the abuse by use of CCTV and blocking the nets entrance. As well as direct vandalism (Eg; cutting of nets, scuffing and digging up of net batting floor surface), the nets are abused by individuals using the side netting as football goals, using the internal netting space to play football in and general misuse of internal netting space for impromptu parties and gatherings.

Seaford Cricket Club would like to protect it's important and valuable facility by erecting protective fencing (similar to that used around the new tennis courts).

Ian Carter (Chairman Seaford CC) 11/03/22

KEY – SCALE 1:200

INDICATIVE POST POSITIONS & 3M HIGH SECURITY FENCE PANEL LINE



GATE CLOSED POSITION & SWING PATH



SEAFORD CC CLUBHOUSE

FIRE EXIT

EGS FIRE ACCESS PATH

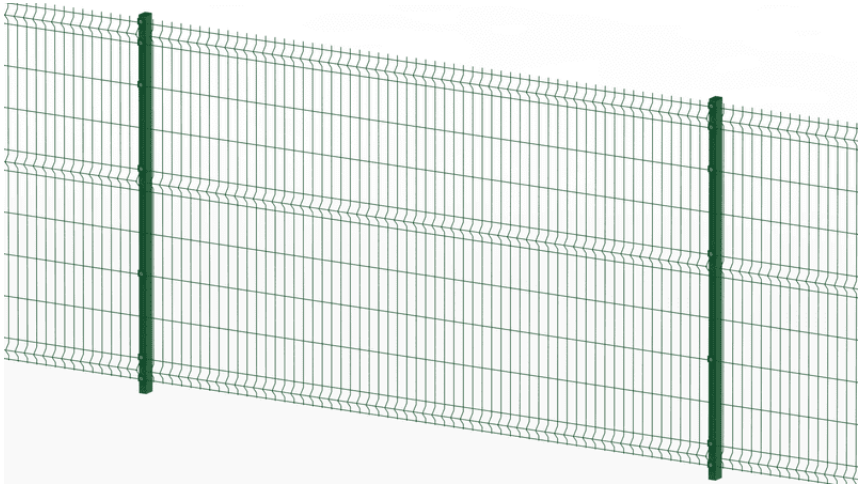
BASE/CARPET SURROUND LINE

NET FRAME LINE

1.2m PEDESTRIAN GATE – ESCAPE ROUTE



3M HIGH 'V' MESH SECURITY FENCE – 2.5M PANELS



TWIN MESH DOUBLE LEAF GATE – 3M X 10M



TWIN MESH PEDESTRIAN GATE – 3M X 1.2M





Seaford Town Council

Report No:	217/21
Agenda Item No:	7
Committee:	Community Services
Date:	5th May 2022
Title:	Assets of Community Value
By:	Geoff Johnson, Assistant Town Clerk (Strategic Projects)
Purpose of Report:	To provide the Committee with an update on the local Assets of Community Value

Recommendations

The Community Services Committee is recommended:

1. To give authority for an application to Lewes District Council to renew the registration as an Asset of Community Value of:
 - The Buckle Car Park
 - Richmond Road Car Park
 - Sutton Road Car Park
 - Saxon Lane Car Park
 - West Street Car Park
 - The Police Station and Council Offices, 37 Church Street, and
 - The Downs Leisure Centre, Sutton Road

1. Information

- 1.1** The registration of Assets of Community Value was introduced in the Localism Act 2011. It enables local Communities, Town and Parish Councils, to apply to the District Council to register land and buildings within those communities which are seen as vital to the service of that community. This can include community centres, car parks, public houses and recreation grounds.
- 1.2** Once the 'asset' is registered, if the owner wishes to sell the land or building, the community can have up to six months to raise the funds to bid

for it. At the end of the period, the owner may sell it to whoever and at whatever price they choose.

2. Local Registrations

2.1 Seven sites in Seaford were registered with the District Council in October and November 2015.

2.2 These were:-

The Buckle Car Park

Richmond Road Car Park

Sutton Road Car Park

Saxon Lane Car Park

West Street Car Park

The Police Station and Council Offices, 37 Church Street and

The Downs Leisure Centre, Sutton Road

2.3 The registrations were for five years and so all seven expired in late 2020. No notification was given of the expiry.


2.4 It is assumed that members will want to give authority for the registrations to be renewed in all seven cases referred to above. If authority is granted there will be a further report to Committee in due course, when members will have an opportunity to put forward other local sites for possible registration.

3. Financial Appraisal

3.1 There are no direct financial implications as a result of this report.

4. Contact Officer

4.1 The Contact Officer for this report is Geoff Johnson, Assistant Town Clerk (Strategic Projects).

Assistant Town Clerk (Strategic Projects)	
Town Clerk	