

## **APPENDIX 2 TO MINUTES DATED 17.6.24**

### **BEGDALE FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Plan will develop over coming years, but some action needs to be taken now!

- Chance to develop football to the local community aimed at 5- to 13-year-olds.
- Chance to develop a strong community of adults focused to the development of the football provision at Begdale and the entire Parish.
- Chance to further develop a strong bond with the community during funding and presentation events.
- Overall control of the boys development programme will remain under the complete control of Elmbridge FC.
- Wisbech Town do not have a boy's pathway and Elmbridge do not have access to the youth and adult pathway.
- Association between the clubs offer a single pathway from five to adult.
- Begdale field needs a lot of work to be a leading provider of boys' football to both Cambridgeshire and West Norfolk Leagues.
- Wisbech Town will provide a heavy roller to flatten the pitch and have mentioned they may have a mower they can donate to be stored at Begdale allowing the field to be cut weekly during the growing season.
- Currently trees are spread throughout the field. Currently unprotected from potential vandalism. The club proposes the trees to be moved to the edges of the dyke(s) to provide shelter from prevailing winds and more importantly provide greater security for the children from passers by
- Maintenance of the field would be cost free for the council and a protective barrier placed around the trees to minimise vandalism and animal damage.
- Trees to be moved in winter when demand arrives or alternatively this winter which would reduce the amount of work needed to remove.
- Approx four metres either side of each pitch will be available for dog walkers to pass. To date there have been very few occasions of this happening and the club can post match dates and timings in advance.
- Matchdays are on a sat and sun, depending upon ages. Match times will be staggered so a max of twenty cars would be expected during matchday. Overflow parking has been agreed with the local farmer.
- Training will be split into age groups. Tues is or U11sand U12s
- Younger age groups would train on a different evening.
- In the winter Managers from the teams will find alternative suitable facilities for their team
- The club covers all insurances and indemnities.
- This is a gradual plan driven by the demand placed upon the club by families wanting their children to play football within the parish and local area.
- Marketing of the boys' section will be helped by tapping into the Wisbech Town network. Opening up grant opportunities that Elmbridge could not reach
- With help from the Wisbech marketing team, we hope to be able to begin a girls team to ensure the club remains fully inclusive. This also opens up access to significant funding opportunities from the FA.

