

Agenda Item: 15
Report to: Amenities Committee
Date: Wednesday 13th January 2021
Subject: Questions from Cllr Fazlon-Thomas

Recommendation

The Committee is recommended to note the answers to the following questions posed by Cllr Falzon-Thomas.

1. *'After attending the amenities meeting of 11th Wednesday I had a quick check on FA rules regarding the use of changing rooms and the current 'no changing room policy ' applies to academy teams as well as grass roots teams.*

Therefore it would seem no one should of used the changing rooms at all since the restart in August?

Should Arsenal wish to hire the 3G pitch when they next play Spurs they would require changing rooms as they are Elite clubs, my understanding is KHSP has no Elite clubs?

Tonbridge Angels are an academy team as such they wouldn't be permitted to use the changing rooms.'

Answer:

Only those teams classed as 'Elite' are using the Sports Park changing rooms, as per the government guidance.

The Sports Park hosts several 'Elite' teams. Tonbridge Angels are in the FA Cup which classes them as an 'Elite' team as per the government guidance.

- 2. I would expect the paid SP staff to be fully aware of FA rules and updates etc, in turn they should be informing the council in order for us to be well informed and cost cut accordingly?*

Answer:

The Sports Park team liaise with the FA on a regular basis. This is a day to day operational management task which has been delegated to the staff under LGA1972 s101 therefore is no requirement to report to the committee.

The corporate body of the council is responsible for the finances of the parish council. The Amenities Committee, Finance and HR Committee and Full Council are all furnished with the budget reports of the Sports Park and it is the council's responsibility to consider cost cutting measures.

- 3. May I ask who the SP manager reports to please?*

The reporting structure chart is available in your new councillor welcome pack and on the Parish Council website. The Sports Park manager reports to the Clerk.

https://www.kingshillparish.gov.uk/Whos_Who_-_Staff_3509.aspx

- 4. Considering the above it appears the PC have been wasting precious funds through cleaning as stated in Wednesday's meeting unnecessary?*

The costs for changing room cleaning are being passed onto the 'Elite' hirers, there is no cost to the council.

- 5. Do any of the amenities committee actually visit the SP to engage with the staff in order to demonstrate their interest with the daily/ quarterly/annually operations in order to be well informed?*

Yes.