

Football Pitch Reconfiguration Report

Parish Vision Compliance:

Priorities: Provide a high standard of services and facilities, protect and improve our environment.

1.0 Recommendation

- 1.1 To NOTE the report.

2.0 Introduction

- 2.1 This report outlines the intended reconfiguration of football pitches at Mannington, Penhill and Southbrook Recreation Grounds ahead of the 24/25 playing season.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 CSNPC currently manage 3 active Recreation grounds. Namely:
 - 3.1.1 Mannington (between 5 – 8 x 11v11)
 - 3.1.2 Southbrook (between 1 & 2 x 11v11)
 - 3.1.3 Penhill (between 5 & 8 x 11v11)
- 3.2 At the time of the report and the end of the 23/24 season:
 - 3.2.1 Mannington Max x 4 pitches
 - 3.2.2 Southbrook x 1 pitch.
 - 3.2.3 Penhill x 3 pitches.
- 3.3 CSNPC cater for both Saturday & Sunday league football across these sites. However, over the past 5 years the Council has also worked with several local clubs (both adult and youth) through hire agreements to maximise both activity and income generation.
- 3.4 Since 2020 the Council has undertaken numerous enhancements works to improve the quality of its pitches and whilst improvements have been seen, there are still water logging issues that officers feel pitch retention could be optimised with better configuration (pitch configuration would not usurp the underlying need for significant drainage works).
- 3.5 Further, Officers wish to ensure synergies when trying to cater for a variety of use without detriment to the other user. i.e. youth activity not impacting adult usage, and vice versa.
- 3.6 CSNPC must also be mindful of the existing Football Foundation arrangement, where grant funding has been provided to complete enhancement works through the Adult Football teams.

Football Pitch Reconfiguration Report**4.0 Current and revised pitch configurations:****4.1 Southbrook:**

Kingsdown FC's having been using Southbrook over the last playing season. Their ambition is to play Hellenic football at the site within the short term. There are certain criteria that must be met to do so, one of which is the metal fencing (already in place).

It is felt by rotating the pitch 90o would remove the worst of the waterlogged section of pitch. Whilst not impacting on the area earmarked for American Football.

There are potable goals at this site (no requirement to excavate for sockets).

Current Pitch configuration:



Revised Layout:



Football Pitch Reconfiguration Report**4.2 Penhill**

Abbey Meads will relocate back to Moredon for the 24/25 Season.

They had been using the area marked (4) for their small side pitches.

Penhill United have contacted CSNPC asking to move on to site to facilitate their usage.

As to cater for adult football and Penhill United's requirements for an 11v11 pitch, the revised layout fits 4 x 11v11's whilst also providing an area for small side pitches.

NB: there are only enough changing rooms to cater for 3 x adult matches at any one time.

There would be a requirement to dig out and reset sockets.

Current Pitch configuration:



Revised layout:



Football Pitch Reconfiguration Report**4.3 Mannington**

Wims continues to use Mannington for small-sided football matches (area to the right-hand side of pitches 1,2 & 5).

Currently most of the existing sockets need to be reset due to poor ground conditions.

The current configuration means that adults walk through small sided (Children's) pitches to access adult football.

Reconfiguration means Youth have a dedicated area away from adult football, keeping both separate (as achievable to do so).

Current Pitch configuration:



Revised layout:



Football Pitch Reconfiguration Report**5.0 Additional**

- 5.1 There is a cost involved to both purchase new sockets and install them. Officers have applied for grant funding to purchase new sockets and goal posts, through the Football Foundation – award (£9k) pending.

2 GRANTS CURRENTLY IN ASSESSMENT

GRANT REFERENCE NUMB...	PORTAL PROJECT STATUS	NOTICE OF AWARD DATE	TITLE	NAME	FLOW
G-227466	Application is now under assessment		Central Swindon North Parish Council - Goalposts	The Premier League and The FA Facilities Fund Small Grants Scheme	Under 25k
G-221219	Application is now under assessment		Central Swindon North Parish Council - Goalposts	The Premier League and The FA Facilities Fund Small Grants Scheme	Under 25k

- 5.2 Consideration as to the impact of other users on site must be paramount.
- 5.3 The necessity to replace old drainage will remain in place until addressed
- 5.4 All sites are limited on expansion due to their amenities (parking / changing rooms).