

Active Halwill Executive Committee

Meeting held on 18 February 2025 at 7.30pm

Venue: Junction Inn, Halwill Junction

In attendance: Councillors Roger Grocock (RG) and Lee Bryan (LB), co-opted member, Chairman of the Halwill Football Club, Andrew Moores (AM)

MINUTES

1. Apologies for absence were received from the Clerk, Don Osborne (DO).
2. It was decided that since it is anticipated that the new building's facilities will be offered to the community ("non-ancillary community use", as defined by Fields in Trust), consent for the development from Fields in Trust is required.
3. Input was received from AM with regard to the primary purpose of the development, its beneficiaries (the MUGA's users, the football club, the primary school, other local organisations) and its value over time to the wider community. Similar facilities in the local area were contrasted and compared.

Input was received from LB with regard to the location, access, dimensions, specification and cost of the proposed building. It was decided that the building should be managed by the football club on a not-for-profit basis.

It was agreed that, in order to fulfill the requirement for evidence of consultation of the local community, a discussion of the proposal be added as an agenda item for the next parish council meeting.

Actions

RG agreed to ask DO if planning permission is or is not required.

RG agreed to ask DO if there are any legal documents or if there is any planning legislation governing the playing field.

RG agreed to ask DO for a copy of the existing plan of the playing field.

LB agreed to produce a satellite map of the playing field showing the proposed position of the proposed building.

LB agreed to prepare a floorplan of the proposed building.

4. A wide-ranging, visionary, discussion about the further enhancement of the parish council's assets included completion of the MUGA project, and exploration of the cost and logistics of replacing the currently grassed football pitch with a 4G (fourth generation) artificial surface, to include lighting.

Actions

AM agreed to investigate further the feasibility of creating a 4G surface.