

JV Stakeholders meeting 11th October 2024

I met with Emma Leake and Rob Powe and David Mills, Secretary of Wroughton Youth Football club.

The meeting was to establish if WYFC would have any interest in the sports facilities that are planned.

David reported that they currently have over 450 members who pay iro of £21 per month. This is a mixture of boys and girls, but 95% boys. There are some mixed teams and 5 girls only teams.

Currently they use pitches in many locations –

Wroughton –

Maunsell Way

North Wroughton

Wroughton Junior School

Ridgeway School

Wier Field – (Used for Mens football) and the new Mens Youth Team, A transitional team.

The Deanery - grass pitches

Dorcan – grass pitches

Badbury Park Junior School – (Not used recently as pitches are not very good)

Foundation Park (STFC) use 3G pitch. WYFC have a block booking for a 2 hour slot every Sunday morning for which they pay £120 per week

Various size pitches are used for different age groups.

David said that WYFC would be VERY interested in the pitch offering suggested, particularly the 3G pitch.

Training sessions are usually between 6-9pm weekdays.

David also said that East Wichelstowe school would be interested in daytime use of the 3G pitch, especially for the younger ages, as heavy grass pitches are not best suited for that age group.

David asked about time scale and Emma said that the trigger for the funding is @ 1600 homes and they are currently at 1300, so it's anticipated that a planning application will go in next Autumn ready for work to start when target is reached probably early in 2026.