

JV Stakeholders meeting 20th November 2024

Holly and myself met with Emma Leake and Rob Powe, together with Kevin Cook and Trevor Anderson from Wroughton Men's Football club.

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

Kevin, reported that they currently have about 40 players and members. WFC was formed in 1888, before STFC and also Liverpool and Man Utd.

They play in the Senior league and are 2nd in the Premier league.

They play at the Weir field and are appreciative of WPC for the help they receive, they pay £55 for each match day, and paint the pitch lines themselves.

They get frustrated as although they do well, they are unable to achieve promotion as the facilities do not meet the higher leagues requirements.

They would need floodlights, and better dugouts for the coaching managers. Storage facilities would also be needed.

They indicated that they would be delighted to make the Wichelstowe Sports Hub their 'Home Ground', and if this was possible they would need to block book the 3G pitch for their home games on a Saturday afternoon during the playing season.

Kevin said that the current rate to pay for 3G pitches range between £50 for ½ hour to between £85/90 for an hour.

After Kevin and Trevor left, Rob and Emma talked about the survey, and said it would be going live on Tuesday, with the Press launch on Thursday. We had the draft copy and Holly and me said that it needed the WPC logo, and also mention the link to the survey.

They will have a quote from Kevin Burchell, and would like a quote from us.

During the meeting between the JV team and the Deanery, Emma mentioned that although the Deanery have outside Netball and tennis, they have no uptake on those facilities, users preferring to use the indoor pitches.