

Raleys User Group

Meeting of Raleys User Group to be held in the Town Council Offices
Bradbourne Vale Road Sevenoaks TN13 3QG on Thursday 7th July
2016 at 7.00pm

AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Minutes of last meeting held on 28th May 2015 (copy attached)
3. Update on works at the old Raleys Gym site.
4. Update on Sevenoaks RFC proposals for sports pitches,
drainage and 3G pitch
5. Matters for future discussion
6. Date of next meeting

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Town Clerk

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Raleys User Group
28th May 2015 7pm
Sevenoaks Town Council Offices**

Present:

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| Cllr Andrew Eyre (Chairman) | Sevenoaks Town Council |
| Linda Larter, Town Clerk | Sevenoaks Town Council |
| Bonnie Tarling, Committee Clerk | Sevenoaks Town Council |
| Trevor Nicholson | Sevenoaks Rugby Football Club |
| Julie Courtney | Knole Paddock Resident Association |
| Henry Pound | Knole Paddock Resident Association |

1. *The Chairman asked everyone to introduce themselves to each other prior to the commencement of the meeting.*

2. Notes of the Previous Meeting held on 19th February 2015.

These were agreed to be a true record of the meeting.

3. Closure of Raleys Gym

It was announced by the Town Clerk that Raleys Gym would close on 31st May 2015. Classes had been moved to other locations and the building would remain vacant and secure until re development commences. It was noted that the Indoor Cricket Club would close on 1st June 2015.

4. Sevenoaks RFC proposals for sport pitches, drainage and 3G pitch

An update was received from Trevor Nicholson. A new layout for the proposed 3G pitch and cricket pitch were discussed. The new design would allow for a jogging track around the pitch area. Further discussion would need to take place with the Cricket Club in order to move the plans forward. The lifespan of the new surface for the Cricket Square would be 10-15 years with very little maintenance needed.

The Chairman requested that Sevenoaks RFC prepare further documentation regarding fencing and lighting to bring to a future meeting and discuss with the Cricket Club. Once further discussion had taken place a public consultation would be arranged.

5. Matters for future discussion

The Town Clerk suggested that consideration be given to applying for a Premises Licence to enable similar events to those at the Vine Gardens to take place.

6. Date of next meeting.

It was requested that the next meeting take place in 3 months time. Date to be confirmed.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Trevor good afternoon ,

Further to your enquiry please note that we only have one **ECB Approved NTP system** available to the market place.
(see accreditation logo's below my name and in order to achieve this accreditation our system is tested vigorously for 2 years and we have to abide by a strict code of conduct and our installation procedures are all strictly monitored)

To this end our systems are therefore uniform and are installed throughout the UK and Globally. Currently we have Leicestershire and Worcestershire County Grounds using our carpets on their training pitches and hence all their Pro's and all visiting County Teams , use their training facilities to warm up , etc.

Internationally Countries like Holland , Norway , Spain , etc use NTP pitches for competitive ICC matches.

The Grenada National Stadium recently installed one of our cricket carpets in time for the England National Team to use , in preparation of the recent Test Match played at the stadium last month.

In the UK all our County teams play their actual first class matches on grass , but there are many league and School teams playing competitive matches on NTP pitches.

Just off the top of my head , in the past 18 months we have installed 5 x Match Pitches at Millfield School (arguably one of the top cricketing schools in the UK) and more at Charterhouse School , amongst many other venues and all these top Schools definitely play competitive matches week in and week out , using their artificial surfaces.

Point is having a Match Pitch installed , does allow the option of cricket matches being played on site with minimal pitch preparation required , compared to the traditional grass wickets , which need to be prepared and watered , etc.

In all my dealings with the ECB , it is very evident that there is a shift towards the use of more NTP (Non Turf Pitches) in order to " Get the Game on "

I am more than happy to meet you and or your committee on site , if that would help ? But in essence Match Pitches are certainly gaining in popularity.

I hope this helps ?

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Leaving Track

New 3G
120 x 75

Rugby
95m x 60m

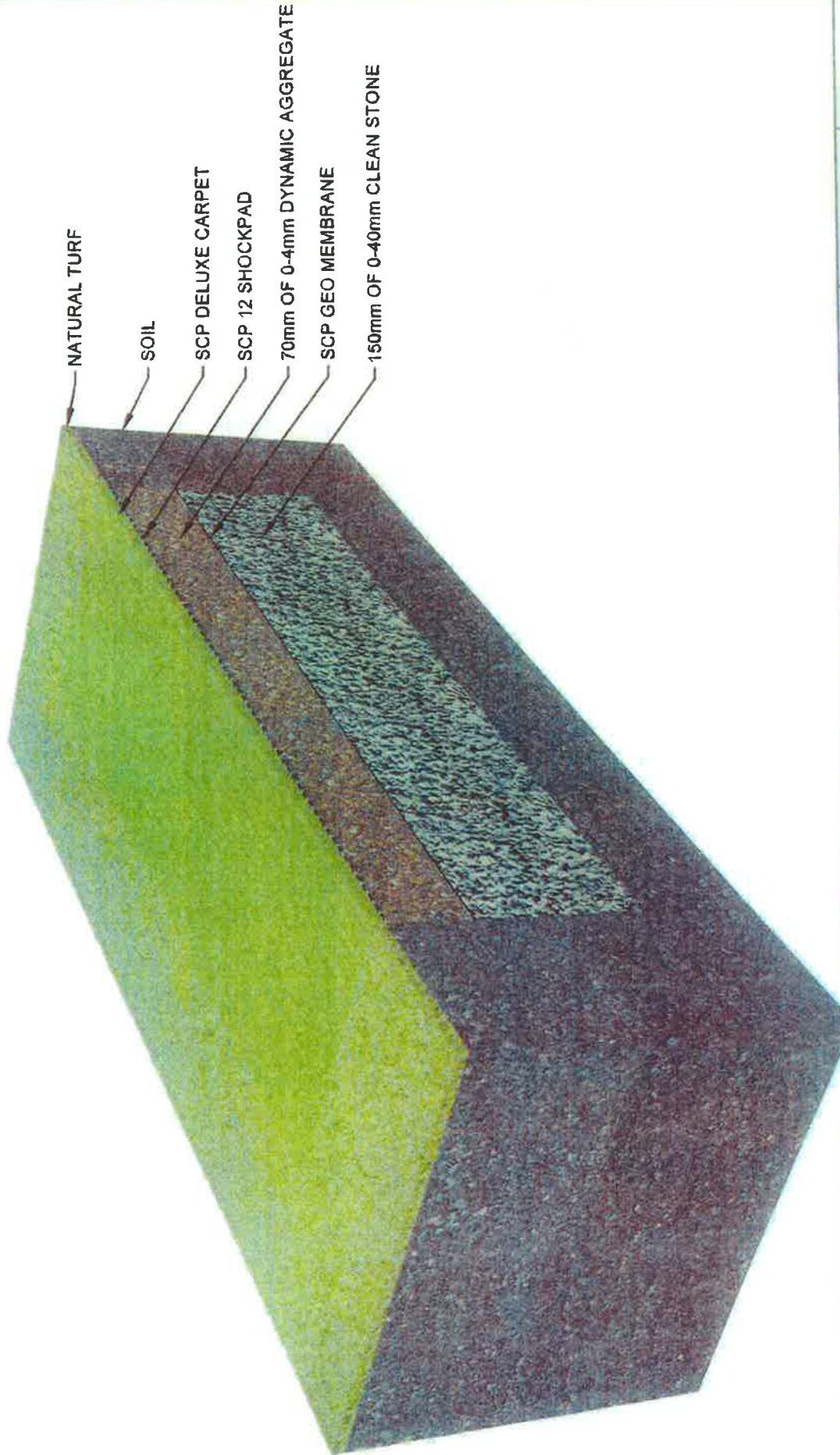
Grass

Rugby
95m x 60m

Sevenoaks Rugby
Football Club

Plymouth Park

Plymouth Dr



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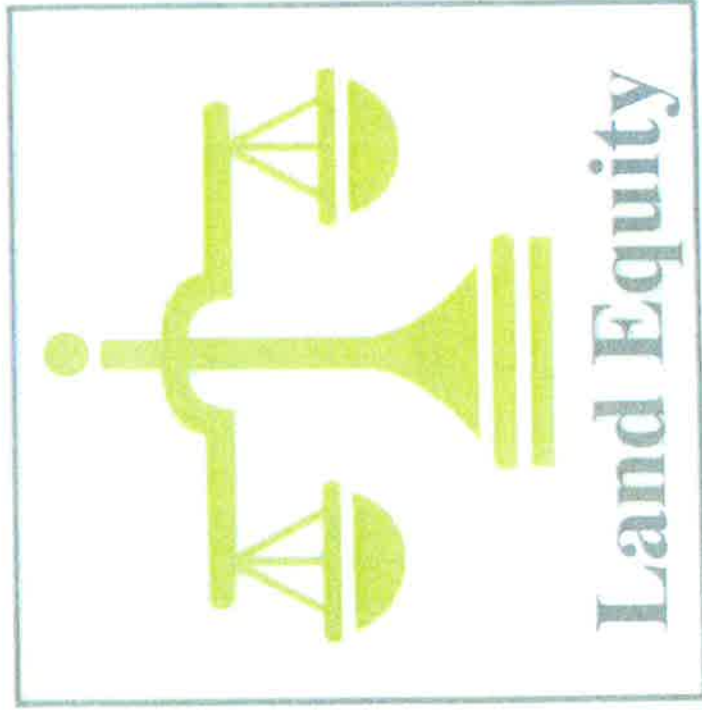
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CONSTRUCTION LAYOUT
ECB APPROVED SCP DELUXE MATCH PITCH



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