

Further to our meeting on 23rd January and ahead of the Council meeting on 14th February the Football Club would like the committee to agree to the following.

Fencing

The existing 2m high netted fencing is not man enough or high enough at present. Other clubs and the league have commented that at this level of football a higher fence should be in place to stop the ball continually going over the fence. We are stretched on match days as it is but we have to position 2 volunteers behind the fence to continue to throw the ball back. We are particularly concerned the Wessex League may issue us with an upgrade warning in the coming months.

Therefore all the club is asking is if we could raise the fence to approx. 3.5/4.0m this would save the majority of our issues. The fence would still be removable and the end and start of every season and the netting would be green polyester powder coated as present. The general public would still be able to see through fence but without the fear of balls constantly coming over.

Lighting

At present the Football Club spend nearly £500.00/month hiring training pitches at Perrins School and other venues. To be honest this is making a huge dent in our finances as I'm sure you can imagine.

To mitigate this in some way we would like to install 2 lights on each of the existing floodlights on the far side of the pitch. This would enable our warm up area between the fence and the youth pitch to be utilised for training nights and in the long term save the club a substantial amount of money. The new lights would be positioned three quarters of the way up the back of existing poles. They would be the same specification as the existing lights and have the covers over so they only shine down on the training area. This would have no effect on the surrounding area. The youth section have confirmed they would be really pleased to use this area if the lights were installed and I confirm we would be happy for this to be the case.

The Football club will pay for the fencing and lighting in full and as such the Council will have no financial liability, however the youth section in particular will benefit from the additional lighting.

I do hope the Council will see the reasoning behind this request and agree to the works.

Should you require any further information please feel free to contact me.