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26 Oct 14

The Chairman,
Lympstone Parish Council.

Dear Sir,

SOCCER & CRICKET GROUNDS FOR LYMPSTONE

RECENT PROPOSAL

1. The proposal to build a high class football ground and circa 50 houses was discussed on 14th October and, in my opinion, VERY SENSIBLY turned down by both Woodbury & Lympstone Councils and by the 30 or so people who attended its meeting.

POSSIBLE ACTION

2. Presumably it is possible (or likely) that the Chairman of the Football Club will SOON put up an alternative plan with UNWANTED houses.

SUGGESTION.

3. To forestall para 2 above and for the BENEFIT of LYMPSTONE may I suggest that:-

a. COMMITTEE. The Council forms a SPARE committee of about five (2 councillors, one from each of the football & cricket clubs and a good accountant - perhaps one of those who raised the money for Ken & Mary at the Village Shop).

b. L. & ROUNDS. The aim of the committee is to decide on a suitable area (or areas) for a cricket and SIMPLE football ground. If necessary two areas close together.

c. PAVILION. Preferably with ONE pavilion to be

(2)

shared by the two clubs. The pavilion should have two changing rooms, a small kitchen, room for "tea", four showers and a small bar.

d. CAR PARK. Nearby.

e. LIGHTING. NO overhead lighting as this will annoy nearby households.

f. LOCATION. The football ground must NOT be close to nearby households to possibility of "BAD LANGUAGE"!

g. LOCAL LABOUR. The whole to be constructed (like Woodbury Cricket Ground) as far as possible by local labour to keep the costs down!

h. FINANCE. The cost may be obtained from:-

- (1) The "Lords Taverners" or vice etc
- (2) The Football Association announced a few days ago that they were providing (I think) £250 million to help low level clubs.
- (3) The Cricket & football clubs.
- (4) DC, EDC & Parish Council!
- (5) Ask Woodbury Cricket Club how they obtained their finances. I think largely the work of TREVOR SELLE who, very sadly, died recently.
- (6) Remember the Village raised circa £40,000 in three weeks to enable Ken & Mary to start the Village Shop. This was done by asking people to LEND a multiple of fifty pounds.

i. POSSIBLE SITES. These could include:-

- (1) The field and greenhouses opposite the church. The car park to be shared with the church and the football

ground to be well away from houses & road!

2) Landy Field. The pavilion could be in the Youth Club.

3) Area by Courtlands Cross where houses were proposed.

4) Area of field and old green houses near LORRISON.

5) Courtlands Farm instead of the TOTTENHAM
HOUSE. Houses there which will be
very close to the road.

6) I think there have been other offers of ground!

PERSONAL HELP. As I am over 88 and have
a bad foot I do NOT want to be on the
committee but, if wanted, I am willing
to help with "suggestions". I say this as I
have played many hundreds of games of cricket,
football, rugby & hockey on a great variety
of grounds in many different countries and at
all sorts of levels.

George Buckle

[Very sorry this is not typed!]