

Barkway Parish Council

Appendix B - to the Parish Council Meeting

held on Monday 8th May 2017

Notes from Residents' Consultation Meeting regarding proposed new car park on the Recreation Ground

Wednesday 3rd May at 7.30pm in the Community Room

Attendance: Cllrs Falaschi-Ray, Morss, Davidson, Swann, Catharine Toms (Clerk)

Alan, Kate and George Collins (Little Dunstable), Ray Turner (Orchard House) and Vince Styles (64 High Street)

Cllr. Falaschi-Ray welcomed everyone to the meeting and presented a Powerpoint presentation.

(See Appendix)

It was explained that there was a problem with parking along Cambridge Road when events were taking place simultaneously at the venues in that area. Vehicles were being parked on pavements and up on verges and reducing traffic down to a single lane. Pedestrians were having to walk in the road which was extremely dangerous. Last year there had been 5 near miss accidents and an accident involving a cyclist.

It was a difficult situation to try and resolve and if the Parish Council lost the occasional use of the Village Hall car park there would be no where for anyone to park.

The proposed new car park would be low impact on nearby residents. Houses being on slightly higher ground so probably wouldn't see the first row of cars. Notices would ask drivers to park nose in to the fence to minimise exhaust fumes going towards the gardens. The size had given consideration to existing walkways onto the Rec.

It was explained that in order to get funding for the Pavilion from the Football Association, Barkway Parish Council needed to partner a football club to meet obligations such as football development. The car parking requirements had been underestimated by the Parish Council at that time.

The project would also provide for a safe fenced in children's play area, which would keep children in and dogs out.

Funding for the project would come from S106 monies (£11,500) and some Solar Farm money (£4,500).