



Views of residents on “Sports and Leisure”

Feedback from the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire provided the views of residents on many aspects of village life. In this month’s article we have summarised the key messages that were received on sports and leisure. The intention is to use this feedback, along with input from other subject areas, in preparing the policies and proposals that will eventually form the basis of the Neighbourhood Plan. This should be considered as “work in progress” and subject to further review and support by residents and the Parish Council prior to acceptance.

Sports club/centre

- Strong support for the Parish Council plans to provide a wider choice of sports.
- People keen to see progress beyond the phase 1 refurbishment.
- A lot of interest in having the tennis courts and MUGA in phase 2.
- A new sports hall in phase 3 was the most requested sports facility.

Other facilities

- A new community centre/club house is needed particularly to cater for the needs of young people.
- Cycling and running paths should be provided where possible to improve safety of these sports within and around the villages.
- Strong request for the re-instatement of the playground area in the Daniell Road area and improvements in other areas.
- A skateboard park should be provided near the sports centre.

Clubs and societies

- Numerous clubs indicated a wish to start up/return to Wellesbourne, if adequate facilities (such as high ceiling/walls) were made available within the new sports centre.
- Many people were in favour of providing greater opportunities for people with disabilities to take part in sport.
- Football and rugby clubs are seeking improved grounds/facilities and ideally linked to the provision of social facilities.
- There was interest in providing better locations for arts, drama, dance and music events, which could be linked to a new community hall/youth centre.

We would hope to have first draft report of the Neighbourhood Plan policies and proposals ready for review with residents by October, which will be accompanied by an open forum meeting where you will be invited to come along and give us your opinion on what is being planned.