

Townclerk

From: Townclerk
Sent: 11 September 2021 08:07
To: N Froy; Councillor Jefferys; appleside@aol.com
Cc: davrev1@btconnect.com
Subject: Re: Nets on the Severals

Dear Mr Froy

Thank you for your email which I will ensure is passed to council on Monday at the extraordinary meeting.

Regards

Cathy Whitaker

Town Clerk

From: N Froy <Nick.Froy@newmarketacademy.co.uk>
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 11:44
To: Councillor Jefferys; Townclerk; appleside@aol.com
Cc: davrev1@btconnect.com
Subject: Nets on the Severals

Dear Clerk to the Council,

I am writing to confirm my support as Headteacher of Newmarket Academy for the proposal to improve the cricket facilities in our town.

The school has promoted an active and healthy lifestyle for many years and has made an active commitment to its physical education activities. We have noted that "lockdown" has not helped many students maintain a healthy lifestyle and thus any activity that encourages participation in active sports has our full support. We recognise the benefits for the town both physically and also emotionally and mentally of any team/social sport.

I know that my Head of PE has communicated directly with Councillor Jeffreys to commit our support. He has made some suggestions regarding the venue and from the school's point of view if that was worthy of further discussion, I would be very happy to meet the Cricket Club and other involved parties.

I hope that the Council will also commit to this project which has benefits for all our community.

Kind regards

Nick Froy

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Executive Headteacher - Newmarket Academy and Sybil Andrews Academy

Every lesson counts, every grade counts, every student matters.

Newmarket Academy and Sybil Andrews Academy are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

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From: Thomas Clover [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 September 2021 11:07
To: Townclerk
Subject: Cricket club

Good morning,

I would like to offer my support for Newmarket Cricket Club's proposal to evolve their facilities on the Severals. I have enjoyed seeing the pitch used and I think any investment in sporting facilities in the town should be welcomed.

As long as the club continues to be sympathetic to the horses, which so far they have done - I fully support their plans.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Clover

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Townclerk

From: Robert Hicks [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 September 2021 09:07
To: Townclerk
Subject: Cricket in the town.

Hello

I am writing in support of the Newmarket cricket club proposal to construct a netting facility and scoreboard on The Severals.

Many years ago I played for the town and at that time the club had a good community feel, it would be nice to re build this.

I have enjoyed watching the club evolve this season, it has been great to see cricket back on The Severals. Produces a pleasing sight for visitors entering the town from that direction.

The club have worked hard to engage and immerse themselves in the local community and the netting facility that they propose to erect, will be pivotal to their future growth, enable the club to make the practice facility available to the local schools and clubs, and importantly build momentum in attracting a new and diverse generation to take up this wonderful sport.

The clubs proposal is sympathetic to its neighbours and the horse fraternity.....and the proposed facilities will be safe, secure and aesthetically pleasing.

I support the proposition and look forward to watching cricket on The Severals for many years to come"--

Regards,

Robert Hicks

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To the Clerk of the Newmarket Town Council

I have been involved in cricket all my adult life. I was secretary at March Town Cricket club for over 20 years and I know what an important part to play that cricket clubs have in their local community. Having worked in Newmarket for the last decade I was surprised at the lack of a cricket club in such a large town.

My first connection with the club was when I interviewed Newmarket Town Cricket Club player John Maynard, the former star cricketer from the West Indies, who back in the 1990s had taken wickets against the England team, for my podcast 'The Paddock and The Pavilion'.

Through my chat with John, I found out the work he had done during the winter reviving Newmarket Cricket Club to help them restart again at the Severals. I subsequently interviewed their skipper Mark Nunn and fellow player Maxford Pipe for the show.

By speaking to them I got to know more of the hard work they had done in preparing the club for the new season in the Cambs and Hunts league. I was particularly impressed with the way they were making the club a community club, available to all, young and old, male, and female, players, and spectators.

The support received from the local community backs up the work the club's committee have been doing. I have watched a few of their games at the Several, where you can see the local support given to the team on match days.

I therefore strongly endorse outline planning application for outdoor nets and other facilities at the club.

Proper practice facilities are vital to help the club grow. Cricket is a game where the right surface to practice on is essential, especially for young players. After what the country has been through in the last 12/18 months more opportunities for young people will be key in developing a better society. The young have really suffered. I know the club are keen to develop youth sections and a women's team, and high class net facilities will make a real difference.

Top quality net facilities will also be an asset to the local community which will benefit school children in the local area

Furthermore, the nets will help improve the standard of the team who have just gained promotion to Division 1 of the Cambs and Hunts Premier league.

I would be grateful if this letter is circulated to councillors before the planning meeting.

The club has made great strides in the last 12 months and deserves your support.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Wallis

Townclerk

From: ANTONY RIDDICK [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 September 2021 20:43
To: Townclerk
Cc: Councillor Jefferys; [REDACTED]
Subject: Newmarket cricket club

Dear Ms Whittaker,

It has been wonderful to see the resurgence of Newmarket cricket club this season. I am writing as a keen supporter of cricket in Suffolk and East Anglia. I understand that planning permission has been put in for improvements to the Severals cricket ground including cricket nets and scoring facilities. In my opinion cricket nets are vital for the survival of any cricket club, not only allowing the members and visiting players to practice, but also they have the potential to develop youth cricket, something we need to do to ensure the survival of club cricket in England. My own children and my self over the years have benefitted hugely from cricket nets at the clubs we have played for and I would be very grateful if you could circulate this email to councillors in advance of the forthcoming planning meeting on the 13th September to demonstrate my support for all the developments planned for this excellent cricket club.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Antony Riddick

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Townclerk

From: hayden lewis [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 September 2021 20:22
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Newmarket Cricket Club - Proposed Development

Dear Ms Whittaker,

I am writing to you today as I understand over the coming days yourself and the council will be discussing potential planning approval for some new facilities to be erected on the Severals sports field for the recently formed Newmarket Cricket Club.

These new facilities would include among others;

- The construction of permanent practice nets.
- Electric scoreboard

These new facilities would not only benefit the Club but also all of the local schools as the Severals could provide a 'cricket hub' if you like for children and a permanent safe environment for young enthusiastic cricketers to learn and enjoy the game. From my own personal experience of when I was at school (I'm now 25), these kind of facilities was sorely missed as I never had access to something like what the club are proposing now.

Also as a member of Newmarket Cricket Club, I can know the importance that we place on trying to encourage the younger generation into starting to play the game. We already run a kids Friday evening session and are looking to start a girls/women's team in the near future.

Would I be able to request that this email be passed on to your fellow councillors ahead of the impending meeting?

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Kind Regards

Hayden Lewis

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Townclerk

From: Mark Surridge [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 September 2021 11:44
To: Townclerk
Subject: Fwd: Newmarket Cricket Club Score-box & Nets

To the Clerk of the Town Council

I am writing in support of the application being made by the Newmarket Cricket Club to improve their facilities at Severals.

Newmarket CC is to be congratulated on its remarkable achievement this season; first in reforming as a viable entity and then becoming competitive and gaining promotion from their league after a successful summer.

Cricket is rejuvenated in Newmarket and this is only a beginning as the Club has ambitious plans not only to form a Junior Section, with qualified coaches, but also to facilitate the growth of Girls Cricket within the town.

As a past Chair of Halstead Cricket Club, where I was a playing member all my adult life, I can readily see the benefits such growth would have, and would add my weight to the growing clamour for Junior & Girls Cricket. At Halstead we now have more than 120 children registered on our books, and many youngsters have passed through the junior ranks into playing senior cricket. The Club 3rd X1 is a Development Team with senior adults helping juniors make the transition from soft ball to hard ball cricket.

The main reason for the rapid growth of Halstead Junior Section was the arrival of outdoor cricket nets. With sponsorship of £25,000 from Sport England the cricket club laid down new nets - three bays of astroturf with a full 30 metre length. This net facility enabled the Club Coaches to assist the children in their transition to hard ball cricket, in a safe environment.

In addition the two outfielders saw Kwik Cricket, with soft ball, being played by children of both sexes and all ages between 5-16.

This was a remarkable achievement from the Cricket Club and has added a vital recreational resource to the town.

I would love to see similar growth of opportunity for the children of Newmarket and its environs. The addition of cricket nets is an essential requirement.

Cricket is our national summer sport and its growth in Newmarket is assured under the direction of the young and ambitious Committee running Newmarket CC, supported by a growing number of playing members and benefactors.

The club is now in the vanguard of Cambridgeshire Club Cricket and the addition of an electronic score box to the site at Severals is now urgently required. Score-boxes are functional of course, and are part and parcel of club cricket and can actually add to the aesthetics of the ground, and I would heartily endorse the Cricket Club's request for planning permission for such a facility.

Yours faithfully

Mark Surridge
Chair Halstead CC 2013 - 2019

Townclerk

From: William Jarvis [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 September 2021 15:55
To: Townclerk
Subject: Newmarket Cricket Club planning proposal

Dear Sir

I am writing in support of the Newmarket cricket club proposal to construct a netting facility and scoreboard on The Severals. I have thoroughly enjoyed watching the club evolve this season, it has been great to see cricket back on The Severals, and indeed I had the pleasure of being involved in the successful fundraiser match between the club and the Racing XI in July. Not only have the club had a tremendously successful first season, but importantly they have worked hard to engage and immerse themselves in the local community and the netting facility that they propose to erect, will be pivotal to their future growth, enable the club to make the practise facility available to the local schools and clubs, and importantly build momentum in attracting a new and diverse generation to take up this wonderful sport. Providing a sporting facility that will benefit the wider community should be embraced as it encourages more active lifestyles and will have a positive impact on mental health. I know that the local schools will definitely see the facility as an enhancement to their provision for sport in the curriculum and after school clubs, and we should be actively supporting any initiative of this type.

The clubs proposal is sympathetic to its neighbours and of course horses.....and the proposed facilities will be safe, secure and aesthetically pleasing.

I as current chairman of Newmarket Trainers Federation was delighted that so many of the racing industry supported the Sunday Fundraising match in July when the Racing XI had a thoroughly enjoyable day and hope to make this an annual event and wholeheartedly support the proposition and look forward to seeing cricket on The Severals for many years to come.

Yours faithfully

William

William Jarvis

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