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Re: Planning Application 669850

The Club has an area of some 300 Sq Mtrs, adjacent to the main car park, which was used by the Club's Greenkeepers until May 2000 when they moved to new facilities that were built in the middle of the golf course. The empty area is surrounded on three sides by wooden fence panels and on the other (west) side by dilapidated fencing plus a line of trees and shrubs which run along the length of the adjacent public footpath.

Within the old 'compound' there was a wooden building (the 'Greenkeeping Shed') on a concrete base (the base is still there) which was approximately 120 Sq Mtrs. and used as a workshop, machinery storage space, staff room etc. The area surrounding the shed was used for access, cleaning of machinery etc. The shed was left empty upon vacation and was eventually demolished about 3 years ago, since when the area has not been used (other than for the occasional dumping of rubbish awaiting collection).

In September 2008 the Club held a very successful Open Day which resulted in an influx of just over 90 new members. This in turn meant that insufficient parking spaces are available at peak times, mainly during the weekends when the main car park is quickly filled up. This has resulted in some members parking in Cherry Tree Avenue which is already very congested on most days. To alleviate this problem it was suggested that the old greenkeeping compound could be used to create space to park some 12-15 vehicles. It was not realised that planning permission was needed for this.

Some of the members volunteered to clear the area of overgrown shrubbery, rocks, and other accumulated waste and a small quantity of scalpings (surplus to the greenkeeper's requirements) was used around the edges of the concrete base, which were above the height of the surrounding (waste) ground, to make the surface more level. This was completed a couple of weeks ago, since when a few members have parked their vehicles in the available space. It is estimated that not more than a dozen or so vehicles will park there at any one time, during the times that the Club is open – 7am to 11pm, but mainly at peak/busy times.

There are no current plans to turn the area into a 'proper' car park (i.e. tarmac and marked spaces) and in fact there are no specific plans at this time for the future use of this part of the Club's property.

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Club Secretary

Encs: Planning Application; Location plan; Block Plan (4 copies of each)