

# JOLLY ARCHERS

## Notes of meeting with Huntingdon Town Clerk on 9 August 2017

Location: Huntingdon Town Hall

Present: Philip Peacock (Huntingdon Town Clerk)

Richard Bowles, David Gale, John Gorman, John Hoare (All Jolly Archers)

1. The meeting was requested by Jolly Archers to discuss their detailed requirements which should be met by the sports hub proposed by HTC.
2. A note, sent out prior to the meeting, of Jolly Archers requirements from a new archery facility was discussed.
3. The Town Clerk was very receptive to the requirements listed in the note and was happy to agree that:-
  - a. The lease would be between Jolly Archers and Huntingdon Town
  - b. The term of the lease would be 99 years and under similar conditions to the lease for Jubilee Park
  - c. Jolly Archers would have exclusive use of the facility.
  - d. There would be no rights of way to the general public.
  - e. The archery facility to be fenced and with a hedge/bund similar to that at Jubilee Park
  - f. The orientation of the archery field to be South to North with any facilities at the southern end behind the shooting line of the outdoor range. The archery range must have good drainage and with no flood risk. The playing surface to be flat not sloped, with short well kept grass.
  - g. The range to be located on the eastern perimeter of the sports hub
  - h. The Jolly Archers leasehold area to be of approximately 220m x 120m (+/- 10m on each dimension). The exact size would be determined in consultation with the facility designer. This would allow us to have an outdoor range capable of allowing shooting to 100 yards with 25 targets and an indoor range capable of shooting 30 metres with 8 targets. Circulation "Buffer" space to accommodate any likely future increase in ArcheryGB range safety requirements would also be required.
  - i. The facility to be self contained and the indoor range building to have at least 80sqm (The Town Clerk suggested 10m x 20m) of storage, toilets, kitchen area, meeting room /workshop as well as the indoor archery range.
  - j. There would be provision of parking at the archery facility but this wasn't discussed in any detail.

- k. The provision of a disability friendly environment was fully supported. This would, in particular include an all weather shooting line.
- l. We explained that our use of the central building of the sports hub would be quite limited and as a customer only. Our wish to have no involvement in the running of this building and therefore have no financial responsibility for the building was understood and accepted by the Town Clerk.
- m. We asked that we be involved, from the earliest stage, in the design of the archery elements of the sports hub and this was agreed and the sports hub designers would be advised of our contact details.
- n. We are concerned that the running costs of the building are as low as possible so hoped that sustainability be designed-in to the archery facilities. The Town Clerk was in agreement with this and suggested several positive ideas.

4. The Town Clerk throughout was clear in his wish to provide a high quality archery facility that would allow Jolly Archers to develop.

5. The Town Clerk advised us of the possible timetable once planning permission was granted for the crematorium and burial site. The land for the sports hub would be purchased soon after planning permission was granted and a full planning application developed. Work on converting the football pavilion would start as soon as possible and it would include grubbing up the hedge alongside the Rowdies pitches before spring 2018 when birds will be nesting. We were assured that the transfer to the new sports hub will be managed so that there will be no interruption of access to the facilities currently located at Jubilee Park. We are unlikely to be moving to a new facility until 2019 at the earliest.

6. The Town Clerk asked that, following the meeting, we advise the Hunts District Planners that our concerns have been met. We agreed to do so.

7. The Town Clerk also asked us to consider whether we had any problems if our building for the indoor range and associated facilities could be extended to provide facilities for a netball club. There would be complete separation of the two facilities with access to each facility restricted to the "owner" club. We said that in principle we didn't think it would be a problem but would need to consider the matter in more detail before reaching a conclusion.