

Dear Councillors,

Thank you very much in advance for your time today. My name is Charli Luke and I am the chairwoman of the new youth football club St Michaels Spitfires, some of you may also know me from my other role as one of the managers at Little Silver Country Hotel. St Michaels Spitfires has been set up as a not-for-profit organisation to benefit the local children. We currently have one under 9's team who play in the Ashford & District Youth League and are currently recruiting players to form a second under 9's team before expanding further to include other ages.

Thank you very much for the use of St Michaels recreation ground as our match day home ground and summer training ground. The coaches have asked if I may request for things for you in order that we can run more efficiently & effectively & devote as much time as possible to our players:

1. Would it be possible for us to place a small storage container on site to store our pitch line marker? We will of course arrange insure and take full responsibility for it.
2. Is it possible for us to burn the pitch lines in, as is done at other playing grounds such as the Jubilee fields in High Halden. This would save us around 3-4 hours of measuring and marking out the pitch each week before the lines can be painted. It would also greatly aid our training sessions when the light allows us to return to the field in the summer.
3. When the maintenance work has finished would it be possible for us to have a key for the toilets (if these are not open as standard) so that our players and spectators are able to use them?
4. Is it possible for the coaches to park in the gated area to ease the transporting of the goals, footballs etc?
5. Is there any access to water other than in the toilets and if so is it possible to use this for our line marker please?
6. When we are no longer in tier 3 we hope to be able to sell hot drinks and pre-packed snacks such as crisps and chocolate bars on match days in order to raise some funds for the club, are there any objections to this at all? We will of course provide bins & carry out a litter pick at the end of each match to ensure no rubbish is left behind.

Our players parents are all aware that parking on the A28 is forbidden by the club and we are making all travelling teams aware of this as well. We do not wish to cause any chaos or unnecessary traffic on match days. If you have any other requests of us then please do let me know.

As an aside our Under 9's played their first home match this weekend and were delighted to secure a win. Hopefully travelling teams parents will pop into Tenterden on occasion, I wonder if there is anything we can do at the ground to promote this, please let me know if you have any suggestions.

Thank you again for your time and I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards

Charli Luke
Chairwoman
St Michaels Spitfires