

Internal Committee 11th January 2021

St Michaels Run

(Deferred from 14th December 2020 meeting)

I have attached an e-mail from the organiser of the St Michaels 5k and 10k run. As the event has grown in recent years' he would like to use the St Michaels Recreation Ground as the hub for the event instead of the Primary School & field.

At the 14th December 2020 Internal Committee meeting, it was agreed to defer the decision pending more information being sought on the impact of this on St. Michaels PTA who were the original hosts. Cllr. Mulholland may also be able to give further details.

Since the meeting in December I have contacted the St Michaels PTA. The PTA are likely to run stalls and attractions at the event and the organisers are flexible over the PTA involvement. The PTA will receive benefit from the event whatever their level of involvement (which has yet to be decided). The event has been moved to the recreation ground, not simply because it is growing, but also because the school fields cannot be used under the Covid arrangements and this restriction may extend beyond the event date.

I have requested a joint application and the recent e-mail from Sporting Events via the PTA has also been attached below.

Proposal: To consider allowing free use of the St Michaels Recreation Ground on 6th June 2021 (subject to any prevailing Covid restrictions).



Phil Burgess
Town Clerk

Impact on Crime and Disorder : None
Impact on Bio-diversity : None
Budgetary Impact : None – charge not normally levied for this recreation ground

Good Morning, **first e-mail from Sporting Events**

Hope you are keeping well? As you will be aware we have been organising the Tenterden 10k & 5k over the last few years in conjunction with St. Michael's CEP School and their PTA. Sadly, like many events in 2020, due to COVID this did not take place this year. However, we are currently planning the 2021 event and as part of the development of the event we are looking for a bigger space for the Event Village and the start/finish area.

We would like to use the Recreation Ground at St. Michael's as the start/finish and Event Village area. The event will still be benefitting St. Michael's but has outgrown the space and is restricting what we can do to develop it. We would love to be able to open the kids fun run to more young people in the area, but we just can't do that in the current setting. We also would like to develop the Event Village to attract more people and to raise more money for the school and local causes too. We are looking to hold the event on 6th June 2021. Can you confirm if the St. Michael's Recreation Ground is available for this use and on this date please?

We spent a long time a few years ago planning the routes for the event, and so this space gives the most logical area for keeping the route more or less unchanged and also allowing the development we have mentioned.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Barry

2nd e-mail from Sporting Events

Just to follow up on our conversation, we can confirm that we will be maintaining a donation to St. Michael's PTA and continuing to provide an option for the PTA to have some stalls at the event in the new location. The event will be owned and organised by Sporting Events UK, but will still provide fundraising opportunities in this way to the school and benefit the local community as a result.

I hope that helps to clarify things for you.

Kind regards,

Barry

Barry Hopkins
Sporting Events UK

