



Proposed Clubhouse Residents Engagement Meeting

Friday 26th November 2021
Bailiff Bridge Community Centre



Firstly...

*We understand the nervousness about our proposal,
especially around the green space*

*We appreciate that Bailiff Bridge has undergone
many changes over the years, so we have called this
engagement session so we can present our proposal
first hand, mitigate your concerns and gather your
valued feedback*



Agenda

- About Clifton Rangers
- The clubhouse proposal
- Tea / coffee break
- Q&A



About Clifton Rangers

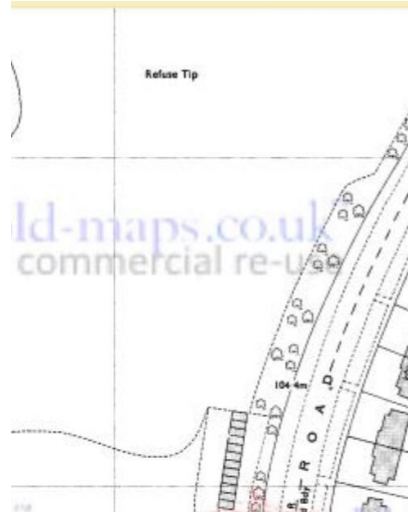
About Clifton Rangers

- Approx. 300 children playing
- Ages 3 to open age
- 8 volunteer committee members
- 32 helpers / coaches
- All working members of the local community – parents, engineers, police officers, nurses, ...
- FA Charter standard
- Not-for-profit organisation
- We are passionate about what we do!



Fun – Fitness – Friendships

The history of the site



- The site was previously a refuse tip
- Restored / converted to playing fields
- Maintained by Clifton Rangers

How we care for the Bailiff site...

- We care deeply about protecting this green space
- We spend thousands of pounds and hundreds of hours caring for and maintaining it for all to enjoy



- We cut the grass
- We catch the moles!
- We secure the site
- We help evict the gypsies
- We re-seed the pitch
- We trim the trees & nettles
- We pick up waste & dog poo
- We even helped a homeless person who was camped out



The clubhouse proposal

Why do we need a clubhouse?

There are currently no facilities for the children :-

- **No** toilets
- **No** changing facilities
- **No** heating or running water
- **No** proper first aid facilities
- **No** shelter
- **No** disabled access to pitch side
- **Poor** storage facilities
- Site is an **eye sore**
- Lack of facilities means **limited access for girls teams**



The reality is somewhat different to the perception



Attention All Bailiff Bridge Residents:- Please help put a stop to the proposed plans to take away our villages last remaining Green open land for the residents to enjoy, play, walk our dogs and other outdoor activities.

Your Local Calderdale Councillors and your elected party representatives do not seem to take in the residents view and needs for us to have these open unspoilt spaces to help relieve the pressures of most of us, especially in these unprecedented times, we need these spaces more than ever? YOU! Need to remind these so called representatives of our village area 'who votes for them and why we vote for them'? It's not for them to give our right of green spaces to a village on the other side of town. Increase the Yob, Litter and antisocial activities that this will no doubt bring to our village.

The Whole Country is struggling to cope with the effects of needing somewhere to go just to breathe open fresh air without been overpowered with toxic fumes with enough space to keep a safe distance, along with been able to watch the wildlife in this area that is only now returning to some sort of acceptable level so we can enjoy and help educate our children to this unspoilt area of OUR village without the need of another village trying to build a monstrosity of a development on our last remaining village space.

Why don't they build it in their own village? NIMBY 'NOT IN MY BACK YARD' springs to mind they have already done a deal with the council to use our only remaining open two fields in the name of children's football, while most people would agree that the children's needs, need to be addressed, are you sure that we need every spare piece of land in every Brighouse Village to be taken over by these football fields that restrict if not prohibit the villages from the activities they not only would like to do but need to do along with all the other forms of sport excluding football that many villagers would love to be involved with especially some people with special needs or other restrictive conditions, where these fields would go a long way to solving many of these people's needs without the need for boozy unsociable people spoiling our village.

NOT ONLY IS IT TIME TO STOP THIS PROPOSED BUILDING BUT THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE VILLAGE TO RECLAIM THEIR FIELDS THEY SHOULD HAVE NEVER LOST? See <https://bailiffbridge.co.uk/news>

Clifton Rangers have arranged a
"Community consultation meeting"
on FRIDAY 26th NOVEMBER
7.00-9.00pm
at Bailiff Bridge Community Centre.

as they wish to discuss their plans to build a
clubhouse on OUR only remaining Green open
space we have left in Bailiff Bridge!
None of us are against children playing football.

It's up to our LOCAL Community to have OUR
say on the proposed plans.

If we DON'T, then what will there be left for
future generations?

Will our Community lose their right to roam
freely & to have leisure time without
restrictions on our ONLY remaining green
open space?

What will happen to the natural wildlife
habitat (especially the bats)?

How will the increased car parking and
parking of cars on the field affect the area &
landscape?

PLEASE attend the meeting and also email
our local Councillors with your views!

".....boozy unsociable people spoiling our village"

The initial design had room for improvement...





So we're addressing your concerns...

Community concern – the green space will be lost

Truth – The area for development is currently the concrete base that used to house several garages; other than landscaping, no green space will be lost

Community concern – the natural habitat will be affected

Truth - As part of the work being conducted prior to submission of the plans, an environmental and nature impact study will be conducted to assist in highlighting any potential issues

Community concern – Clifton Rangers will take our green space

Truth - Clifton Rangers lease the site for football; it is used predominantly at weekends and evenings during the week. The space is available to the public at all other times (and the curtilage during matches)

Community concern – The building of a clubhouse will increase the number at the site

Truth - the building of a clubhouse is intended to provide facilities like toilets, changing rooms and a kitchen to existing users of the site, as well as other community groups

Community concern – Building work will mean more on street parking

Truth – temporarily, whilst short term building work is in progress, the club will lose access to the hard standing area which is used as a small car park. However, once completed, the club intend to use matting which allows the grass to grow so vehicles can park along the LHS of the bottom football pitch, by the tree line. This will double the amount of available car space and reduce the parking of vehicles on Huddersfield/Bradford Rd, whilst protecting the green space

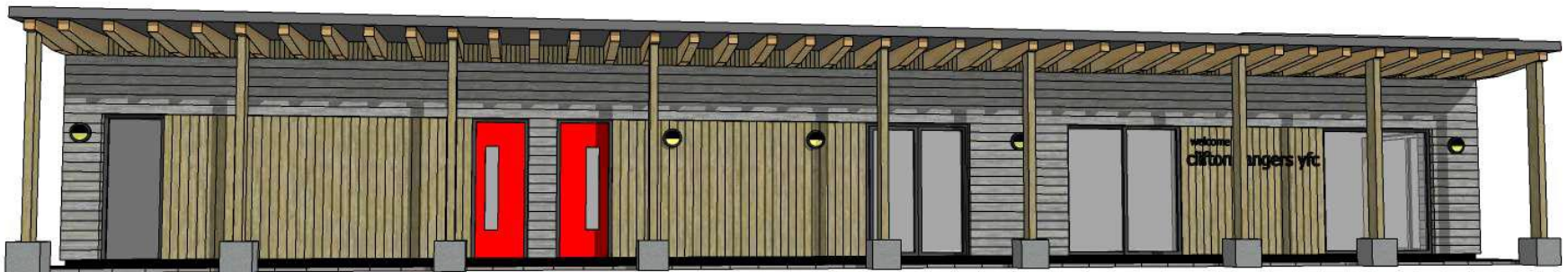


We have listened to your comments...

- Our priority is maintaining the green space for the benefit of all
- The previous design was not fit for purpose
- Managing parking, vandalism and antisocial behaviour is a priority for us too, as members of the Bailiff community
- We want to protect the green space from any other residential or industrial development by continuing to make it a valued and functional part of the community
- We want to work with you for the benefit of all

So we changed the design completely...

**A new approach... a clubhouse that is
sensitive to the environment in which it
will live**



Revised design features

- Smaller footprint
- Sympathetic to the area
- Natural materials
- Grass roof
- Landscaping
- Nature trails



We will use the new clubhouse for the benefit of the Bailiff Bridge community and the hundreds of children who are part of the Clifton Rangers family...



- Clifton Rangers will only ever use the space at certain times of the week - opened up on match days (Saturday & Sundays) for the families and players
- The clubhouse will be opened up on several evenings through Summer for training
- Used to hold monthly managers meetings (evenings only – week nights)
- Can also be used by Bailiff residents for sports, teams & any other community groups
- The clubhouse will be confined to the existing car park area – won't encroach on any existing green space
- We will not (and are not allowed to!) section off or restrict access to the greenspace... nor would we want to!
- No current plans for orgies, swingers or drinking events 😊

Summary



- We are a volunteer team of hard-working local parents, who all have jobs as well as volunteering; we want the best for the community and our kids
- There is no hidden agenda
- We want to protect the green space as much as you do
- We care about the environment and doing what is right for our community
- **We simply want to put in place some facilities for the sake of the children and community**



A quick break & then over to you....