



Olney Rugby Football Club

Development Committee Report 2018 -2019

The Development Committee has worked hard on building plans for future developments but it has been frustrating after having worked with the RFU on compliant plans for refurbishing the changing rooms only to have the plans approved and then told there would be no funding for foreseeable future. This meant a complete rethink on the ways forward which we are still working. We have a few possible projects identified and will be working on a timescale and funding plan once we have the various options at a suitable stage.

Achievements

BBQ shelter – been much appreciated by M&J parents on Sunday mornings and lots of positive feedback from visiting teams. A couple of bits to finish

Changing rooms – have RFU Compliant Drawings – approved by RFU before they told us no funds

Building on Doff's field and Car Parking along bridleway – Drawings done and Pre-application submitted and positive response. High costings have put this on hold

Freehold/Leasehold of current clubhouse - Purchase of freehold request submitted to Town Council awaiting feedback. Getting our own valuation. Depending on costs and decision will pursue longer lease.

Upcoming projects

Tarmacing/block paving of area to side of clubhouse and between patio and fence to start late July.

Changing rooms refurb – going to spend some money (~£10k) on tarting up baths/showers and redecorating through changing rooms

Gym relocation - Need to relocate gym before pushing ahead with changing rooms redevelopment. Options are outside building where containers are or the gravel area in front of clubhouse, either outside building or an extension to clubhouse

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Chair of Development Committee