

Strategic Plan Update for Inclusion

Recreational Field

Historically, the Parish shared a playing field with the Great Waldingfield Church of England School. The shared playing field provided space for football and cricket and was well used by the local community. This area also had a Pavilion building which provided changing facilities.

In 2018, Suffolk County Council fenced off this area for sole use by the school and since then Great Waldingfield has had no space to provide recreational sport.

Although the Parish has worked with the school to open the playing field during the school holidays, this has been unsuccessful and the school playing field is underutilised during these holiday periods. The Parish council recognises that trying to find a long-term solution that involves the school is unlikely to be successful due to the school's safeguarding obligations.

The Strategic plan recognises the need to provide recreational space and part of the neighbourhood plan also identifies this issue. This Strategic Plan recognises that a new recreational space and associated facilities for changing rooms is required within Great Waldingfield, especially as surrounding areas are expanding in terms of housing and population.

This new development will require liaison with the two planning authorities, currently Babergh and Suffolk County Council, as well as Sport England.

The Council has identified the delivery of a new playing field with associated facilities as a key planning objective for the Parish over the coming years.

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