



Question:

I have seen your Facebook post about the reasons for the goals being removed down Low Ackworth, it was me that enquired with Ackworth Juniors over the weekend as no one was aware this was the plan.

The reason I asked what is happening was due to the community goals being removed from a public/community field. Whilst I think it's really good that you are supporting Ackworth Juniors, by doing so you have penalised the many many kids who use those nets on a daily basis to play football with their friends.

Therefore, can I ask, will you be putting up any more permanent nets or will they all be moveable ones like on the Quaker fields, which are locked and put away?

Answer:

Thank you for your email, this has been passed over to myself as Clerk to the Council as the changes are something I have been managing.

At this time there are no plans to re-install the permanent posts, that's not to say in the future that this may change or different posts may be looked at for installation.

The previous 9-a-side pitch couldn't be used by our local sports team due to the bottom end flooding and by working with Ackworth Juniors, it became clear that the pitch area could be used in a different way to support early entry, which is currently attracting between 30-40 children to the Saturday morning Kickabout club alone. Come September, the planned pitch marking will also allow the grassroots 3v3 age groups to have a place to play their matches throughout the week and weekend.

Ackworth Juniors will use portable nets which they will erect and remove when the club are using the pitches – no nets will be permanently stored within the field.

We appreciate that ad-hoc use of permanent goalposts is not currently an option, but we do hope once the grass has recovered and the new 4 planned pitches are marked out, that the local children may also enjoy using these new pitches for football games and are welcome to bring along their own pop up nets, cones or maybe even some old-school jumper posts to mark out their own goals (with their grown-ups permission of course).

We will keep reviewing this year and make further changes where we can to best support the wider community in Low Ackworth.