# PLEASE VOTE YES IN THE PARISH POLL

4-9pm, this Thursday 11th May 2017, Christopher Rawlins School

## **VOTEYES FOR**

- A modern community centre to complement existing halls in the village
- Dedicated sports pitches for lots of different sports
- > Freeing up the Lucy Plackett field for families, leisure and community events like Party in the Park, Church and School Fetes
- A new facility of use to everyone, including the primary school
- The opportunity for our young people to play sport locally
- Giving Adderbury the facilities other villages of the same size already enjoy

Adderbury has been given a field on the north side of the Milton Road, next to Ball Colegrave. In the covenant definition it says the field must be used for "sports pitches and community uses". The Neighbourhood plan team have included this use in their proposals. However a small group of villagers aren't happy that the village has been consulted properly and so have called a Parish Poll.

You may have seen one of the anonymous flyers and online postings which contain, at best, partial truths. Therefore we felt a need to supply all the facts. We hope after reading this you will **VOTEYES** on May 11th so our village can finally get some decent facilities for all.

### The following villagers are urging your support for a YES vote:

Barbara & Philip Le Mare, Rick Atkinson, Craig & Kate Gibbins, Josh Gibbins, Pam Haynes, Kevin Behan, Andy Green, Jackie Head on behalf of Adderbury Literary Festival, Rod Head, Hilary Hall on behalf of Sharp and Blunt, Neil Skidmore & Family, Luke Jones, Lee & Rachel Tustain, Mr N Eley, Mr & Mrs M Source, E Source, Karen Reynolds, A Pugh

None of the above are Parish Councillors but represent a wide age range, come from across the village and include members of local and community groups.

## THE QUESTION

The question being asked in the Poll is "Do you support the plans for football pitches and a clubhouse on the land north of Milton Road?". This is NOT what is being proposed by the Parish Council. They are proposing "sports pitches and a community building" and are forming a working group to decide what sort of building the village wants and what sports pitches will be created. Football will be included, but not solely.

Neither the Parish Council or Cherwell District Council have the power to change the question so we urge you to take into account what is actually being proposed and **VOTEYES**.

#### **COMMUNITY BUILDING**

You might have heard scare stories about noise, a bar and traffic. The same people will use any new facility as currently use the existing facilities. We envisage the bar as an events bar, much as people have at any events in the village now - it's not a bar to challenge existing pubs. The Milton Road site offers plenty of parking. This could be the opportunity to have a built-in stage for Adderbury Theatre Workshop and other village group performances and also for multiple indoor sports to thrive.

Opponents to the plans are suggesting the field could be used for a "heritage site" to bring in tourism, but surely that will generate far more traffic, noise and litter and little for the people that live here.

**Remember it's not just football:** The primary school are short of space on their existing site and have expressed an interest in using the new facilities which could also include a hardcourt area for netball. **We could have whatever we want - if people VOTEYES.** 

#### **LUCY PLACKETT FIELD**

If you've lived in Adderbury for any length of time you'll know the Lucy Plackett field floods.

A YES vote in the Poll could help us get more community activities and exercise areas on the Lucy Plackett with enhanced play equipment around the perimeter and other sports moving to the Milton Road site. The removal of the existing sports and social building could create more parking. The Lucy Plackett simply isn't suitable for all the activities we currently expect from it.

#### ADDERBURY PARK FOOTBALL CLUB

APFC is a club you can join just like any other in the village. Despite what some say, the team has plenty of players and supporters from the village, several of whom have put their name to this leaflet. Villagers are probably unaware that the football club spend hours clearing litter and dog mess from the Lucy Plackett field which benefits all of us.

#### YOUTH FOOTBALL

According to a recent survey 42% of secondary school aged boys in the village play football each week but have to travel outside Adderbury to do so. Provision for girls of the same age is even more difficult to find. Teams in other villages are over-subscribed and so some youngsters are left without a team. Adderbury Park want to set up youth teams but the Lucy Plackett field is not suitable as the field is not large enough for the three different pitch sizes needed and the changing facilities are not adequate.

The new Milton Road site would solve all these problems and also provide additional sporting facilities for Christopher Rawlins to use.

#### **HOW WILL THIS BE PAID FOR?**

Through grants, through fund raising and through the existing Parish Council funds from the developer that are already allocated to this project. It won't affect your Council Tax.

Neighbouring villages have wonderful sporting and community facilities. This is our chance to lift Adderbury to the same level. Why should Adderbury be the only large village without decent sports pitches and a modern community hall?

Adderbury is a lovely village but a small number of people are trying to hold it back. This latest Parish Poll is simply another attempt by those who don't want sports pitches and community facilities on the Milton Road site to stop the plans. Please **VOTE YES** and help us demonstrate the true support for proper sports and community facilities for our village.

Please help us to create something that we can all be proud of, something for all ages. PLEASE VOTEYES ON MAY 11.