

CWCC EGM NOVEMBER 2009

WHY DOES YOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE THINK IT MAKES SENSE FOR CHORLEYWOOD C C TO MERGE WITH CHENIES & LATIMER C C?

Your Management Committee are recommending a merger with Chenies CC in order to form a new club in the area to be called ***Chorleywood & Chenies Cricket Club***. In the final analysis we see this as the best way to protect the long term future of cricket in the area, both on Chorleywood Common and at Chenies. There are many reasons for this:-

1. CWCC are competing with Chenies & Latimer CC for players from a similar catchment area
2. Through playing and maintaining our positions in the higher leagues, a new club will attract new players to the area, and help us to retain our best players
3. Combining resources increases opportunities for both senior and junior players to play the level of cricket to which they aspire
4. A new amalgamated Club will have a larger pool of players to draw from, helping us to honour all our fixtures with full teams of 11 players
5. The CWCC major project continues to be delayed through bureaucracy associated with making changes on Common land. There are at least four official bodies that need to be involved in approving the changes proposed, including DEFRA. Already there have been two years lost in executing the original plans and it is hard to see the issues being settled in the next few years
6. Now the Common has been awarded Local Nature Reserve status, CWCC's perception is that our landlords, the Parish Council, have greater interest in ecological preservation than in cricket, and our club's work for the community
7. Because of today's economic climate, finance to cover the high cost of the project is less available than when CWCC representatives first started discussions with the Parish Council six years ago
8. The wisdom of spending large sums of money for ground improvements on land we do not own has been called into question
9. A larger Club would expect to command greater access to financial resources for both short and long term improvements to facilities, coaching and equipment
10. As the single cricket club for the area, a new club will find it easier to establish partnerships with local schools, especially nearby St Clement Danes, giving access to aspiring young players, boys and girls, and the possibility of an alternative ground midway between Chenies and the Common.
11. There will be a larger pool of members to manage and run the Club
12. A new club will have three attractive grounds to play on, one for which it holds the freehold and can be more easily developed over time.

The alternative we believe, will be a gradual decline in membership and income. With increasing costs, the long term survival of two individual clubs is questionable. We therefore recommend to the members attending the EGM that the proposal to merge is carried.

Written on behalf of the Management Committee - Owen Edis