

I hope all is well with you.

We have been presented with the opportunity of having a Women's Team join our club. The Parish Council and our club helped this team out a couple of years ago when they had no place to play their matches, so they used Waterbeach as their temporary home – at that point they were Histon Hornets Women's Team. They no longer have anyone to coach or manage the team and the team has just folded and is no longer part of Histon Hornets. In order to keep the team going, and enable the players to continue to play, one of our existing coaches (Shaun Fordham, copied here, who lives in Waterbeach with his family) has kindly volunteered to take the team on as manager and coach (his daughter is in the team).

As a club, we are considering this opportunity very seriously. It is a very long time since Waterbeach Colts had a Girls/Women's team, and there are lots of positives to having the team join us. It will enable the women to continue to play, and will become a natural team for the girls that play in our younger teams to move to once they are 16. The team would help us to encourage more girls to join the club (we already have mixed teams, but the boys form the majority of players) and potentially we could run some girls only teams. Ultimately it would be good for women's and girl's football and sport, and will be good for the village too.

Obviously we need to consider not over-playing on the facilities- especially in the winter - but Sundays are slightly quieter in terms of football to what they have been in recent years, and this may continue in to the next couple of years too, as most mini and colts league football (for the children) mainly takes place on Saturdays now.

The team plays Sunday afternoons, so does not particularly clash with our existing teams or with the Waterbeach Sunday FC team, who play mornings. In any case, we co-ordinate fixtures across the clubs to avoid pitch/fixture clashes.

Please may I ask if the Parish Council could kindly consider this? Can you let me know what I need to do next to ask if the Council will consider it?

With many thanks.