



## **New Courts Project Update 11<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

**This update is to let you know what has happened since the update below in April 2011.**

There has been no tangible progress on the project over the past 3 months. However, there has been contact with LHS in the form of meetings and emails but none of the outstanding issues (court usage, child protection, clubhouse facilities and operational management) has yet been resolved.

The LHS Governors have received a 9 page briefing document from the club explaining the full history of the project, the plans and benefits. The planned visit by Headteacher and Deputy Head to Saints Peter and Paul School in Widnes has not yet taken place.

All MRTC neighbours have received a letter from the club updating them on our lack of progress. Warrington BC and Cheshire LTA have been kept informed of the delay.

Good news on the coaching front. We have 2 candidates to become Club Coach, both of whom could start almost immediately. Interviews are taking place on 18<sup>th</sup> July.

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### **1<sup>st</sup> April - Update**

Our project to build 6 new floodlit courts at Lymm High School (LHS) has suffered a hold up. This update is to let you know what's happened since the last Update in October 2010.

Meetings took place with LHS before Christmas to agree details of the exact location of the courts and the clubhouse design, as well as access arrangements and usage of the courts during the school day. Unfortunately, these issues remain unresolved.

The Headteacher and Deputy Head's planned visit to Saints Peter and Paul School in Widnes (where the Widnes Tennis Academy is situated within school grounds), to obtain advice on satisfying child protection needs, has not yet taken place.

A presentation was made to LHS Governors last week by the Headteacher, identifying the above issues. Further discussions are awaited.

The tree survey of the LHS site took place which is required as part of the development of the plans for the new courts and clubhouse.

Discussions have continued with Lymm Rovers FC to design the clubhouse but have not yet concluded.

Peter Sumner and Dot Chadwick's recommendation for the new courts surface has been accepted. This will be Astroturf with rubber granules.

We have continued discussions with Cheshire LTA to keep them in the picture on our delay and to receive technical advice.

We have had 3 further meetings with WBC to ensure the project momentum is maintained and received 100% positive support, including the provision of advice on child protection measures.

A meeting also took place with WBC where the Councils' architects and our architect Sam Baird attended to discuss handing over the construction phase of our project to WBC in order to save VAT on the costs. In principle, this approach has been accepted, although there are costs and other details to resolve.

There is a major building project taking place at LHS this year. To minimise our building costs our timescale will need to dovetail with it, which means reaching agreement with LHS during the summer term.

The necessary change to the MRTC constitution was agreed at the AGM and 4 Trustees were appointed. A lease has now been signed by WBC and the Trustees for the current MRTC site.