

Station Road – Recreation Park – The facts

There was some kick-off on social media yesterday 20th about the Station Road Recreation Ground being closed and the possibility of it being sold off – as usual a lot of mis-information so below is what I know and I sent this to Matt Page at MoreMuzic Radio.

Hi Roy,
{Keeping you in the loop}

This is what I posted on Facebook
STATION ROAD REC' SALE UPDATE

This morning I received an email from councillor Roy Gerstner. (spelling error corrected) I have informed him that I would post his reply for all to see. This only started as a genuine comment and has grown to this. If you feel strongly about it then make a point and ask your councillors. I thank Roy for sending me this email as an update. here it is:-

A complaint was originally sent to WTC & FDC - Cllr Jason Mockett (The Station Road Recreation Ground is partly in his ward) copied in the following to myself and Cllr Singh.

From the resident.

As discussed previously, I would like to put a formal complaint in about the state of the park area in the Station Road Park and its long-term closure. It is in a disgusting mess and looks like it should be in the Bronx, as you know from our walks. It has been closed all summer due to vandalism but this has not stopped the anti social behaviour of the older youths the only thing this has stopped is the families enjoying the park in the summer holidays! It is a popular park with families using it all the time and it has been sadly missed during the summer months. I don't understand why CCTV can't be put at the park as there is a lamppost right next to it where the park is situated. I have heard that the park is being removed because it will cost too much to repair? Why can't the surface of the park be replaced with grass like the Manor field Park is? Surely this day and age there must a surface that is vandal proof? Also I cant see anywhere that Whittlesey Town Council have fought to keep the Park open ? Please advise? Kind Regards

On the 20th September Cllr Mockett sent to Cllrs Gerstner, Singh, Arman and Bibb the following.

This park is due to be removed. Over 30k has been spent past few years fixing constant damage and is no longer sustainable. CCTV is not practical or worthwhile. It's due to be made safe and removed soon. Agreed with Simon Bell that to keep throwing money at it is a waste of time.

RG Note : I did not respond as I fully agreed with Cllr Mockett views on the future as a Recreation Ground.

During a recent Fenland District Council Cabinet meeting, Portfolio Holder Ian Benny, (Economic Growth & Skills) proposed sites that **could** be assets that FDC **could** sell off in the future – Station Road was one of those assets identified.

That's as much as I know, maybe Jason M has some further update....?

I hope this helps explain the situation at Station Road Recreation Ground – not fully knowing the whole of the social media thread.

Anything else I may assist or help – please contact me....
Always contactable by e-mail or WhatsApp (GMT +8)

Regards,

Roy G.....

On Tue, 21 Jan 2025 at 07:51, Matt Page <moremuzicradio@gmail.com> wrote:
Hi Roy,

A very good morning to you sir.

Thank you for your email.

The power of Facebook Hey!! I only put a comment up on Facebook as my mother in law brought it up in conversation and its gone a bit crazy.

I have left a message on Facebook that you have replied to my email. And I have asked them to contact me.

I will save you email as a PDF and post it for all to see that they all know and we will see who are the genuine ones and who are the Keyboard warriors.

Respectfully yours

Matt Page

I also replied today 25th @ 08:40

Thank you – more than happy for transparency and facts.

The closure of Station Road Recreation Park is very emotive – however due to the ongoing persistent vandalism the cost was becoming unsustainable.

On one occasion of vandalism – parents stood by and witnessed it happening.?

Roy G.....

(1) Picture of vandalism and Fly-Tipping Station Road Recreation Ground.

(2) OS © FDC Station Road – Play Area.

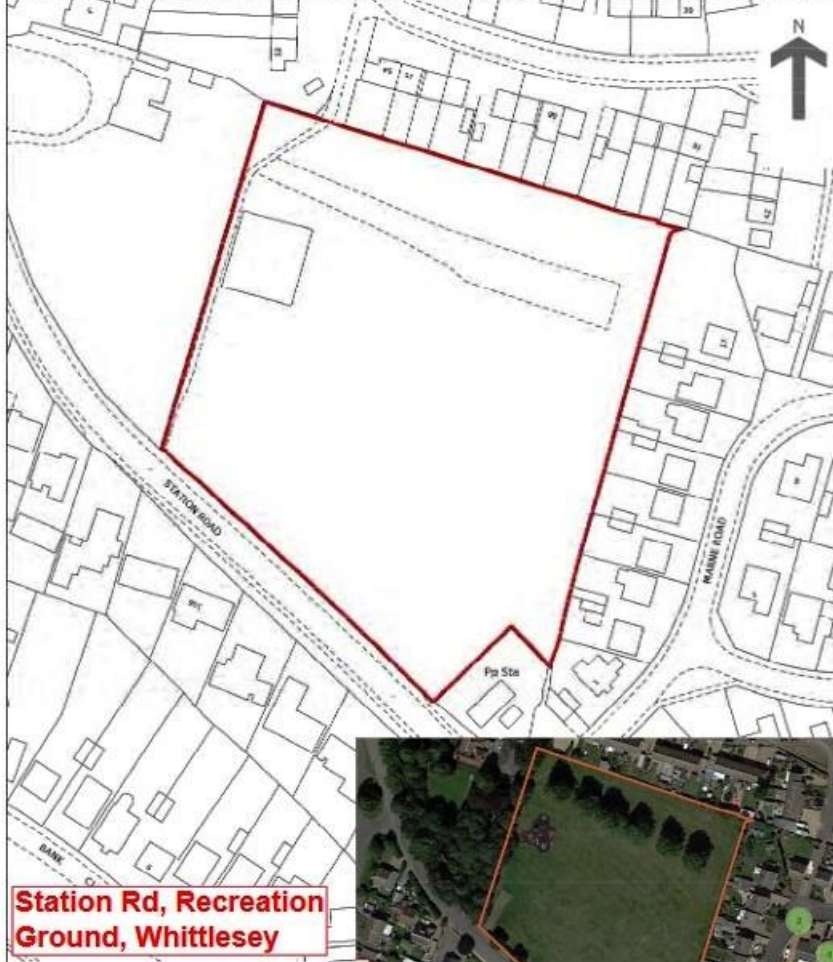


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