

Date: 6th December 2018

Title: Report Item 6 – Digitisation of the Pavilion

By: K Larkin (Parish Clerk)

Purpose: To report on a proposal from the Cricket Club to provide digital facilities at the pavilion including smart TV and a broadband subscription

Recommendations: To consider approving the proposal in principle

The Cricket Club has announced that it is applying for a grant which could secure it £1000 for the digitization of the Pavilion. The Club intends to put this towards the improvement of the facilities at the Pavilion.

Here is a draft proposal:

Budget and funding

Item	Estimated Cost	Funding source
One year's satellite or 4G broadband (no phone line in club house)	£400 https://bigblu.co.uk/satellite-broadband/	ECB Grant
55" SmartTV	£450 (example)	ECB Grant
TV stand on wheels	£100 (example)	ECB Grant
Tablet to TV adapter for live score display	£50 (example)	ECB Grant
Sky Go subscription	£0	Use existing member's subscription
Barbecue hire or borrow	£100	Club funds, cover costs with refreshments income
Food & Drink	£500	Club funds, cover costs with refreshments income
Bouncy castle hire	£55 (example)	Club funds, cover costs with refreshments income

It is suggested that the facilities could be used both as general community assets and by the Cricket club in the Cricket season.

The Club requests the council's permission to install these facilities in the pavilion, if they are successful in obtaining the necessary grant funding. The Chairman states: 'We are competing with the clubs up and down the country but this is an opportunity to improve the communal asset. We would know whether we have received the grant in March 2019.'

There are several issues on which the club has been invited to comment further

- It sounds as though the Club envisages the pavilion becoming more of a social facility for its members. Restrictions on other users could run alongside that. Expensive equipment would be in place, and the Club would need to factor in the cost of insurance, which might go up.
- Secondly, would the Club want 12 months of value out of its one-year broadband and phone subscription? At the moment, the pavilion is shut down over the winter, and this has been essential to prevent burst pipes etc., especially as there are several low and vulnerable points in the plumbing system. The building is not easily heated and it may not be feasible to treat it as a year-round facility. Parking in the winter would plough up the grass.
- Thirdly, what arrangements would be made for cleaning the pavilion? At present the council's caretaker does the work and charges the council £10 per hour. If the pavilion were used more, then it would need to be cleaned more regularly and some arrangements would need to be made to cover this work.
- Finally, might the Club really prefer a formal lease of the pavilion?

The Chairman of the Club has responded as follows:

The club has been improving on-field but off-field, now, I believe, is the right time to offer back to the community. I am actively looking for any grants that could help the Pavilion, the village and a social asset....

All of the Digitization idea came from an invitation I received from England and Wales Cricket board who indicated if we have a Development plan for the next year, we could apply for a grant of £1000 for Digitization. We chose digitization because on the match days, we fill in the score books then have to upload the scorebook when home. If we have wifi, this can be done during the game straight from a tablet, thereby saving us time.

The intention of the Cricket club is not to treat the Pavilion as a social facility for its members only. Facilities are available for hire through the Parish council during the week/weekend when available so it is a village asset. There would be no restrictions on anyone in the village. The Pavilion belongs to the village as a Parish council owned community asset and it will always be the case.

We also wish for the village members, the community and also the kids and their parents alike to come during the match days more often than in the past.

Also, we wish to make a big event next year as it is a Cricket World cup in England and Wales. TV and broadband may help attract people, especially if we can show live Cricket

game on TV. This is subject to us getting the grant and also Parish council agreeing for us to have a big invitation to village and the community (Details to be confirmed).

Also, once the TV is installed in the Pavilion, it would be a community asset. If there are concerns about the TV during party hires, we are all ears and can take actions as deemed necessary. If required, the TV can be wheeled in/out of the Home changing room. If TV gets stolen or broken, it would be a public asset broken/stolen and not Cricket club's asset lost/damaged.

There are yearly options on broadband services. If we get a grant for the first year, it just makes it easy at least for the first year. In the subsequent year, we could look for alternate grants for the broadband. If there are pay as you go broadband services, we would consider but this option was looked at and thought to be most appropriate (speed vs cost).

For any big events, we will have to seek permission from the Parish council anyway. Perhaps, that is when we can discuss about the arrangements for cleaning? We will do our utmost to clean and leave the Pavilion in the same state as we found. We can always work closely with the Parish council to seek resolutions.

Cricket Club has a lot of immediate concerns like the grant for the ball-stop nets, moving the Cricket square, replacing the Cricket roller and having next generation of the Cricket players. Only when we have a sustained development, people interested and a subsequent increase in the club revenues, we shall be in a position to consider lease. Until we have a solid base, we cannot enter into an agreement or have a lease as that would not be appropriate for either the Parish Council or the Club.