

Date: 7th February 2019

Title: Report Item 8 – Storage facility at recreation ground

By: K Larkin (Parish Clerk)

Purpose: To provide background information on a request from the Cricket Club for more storage space

Recommendations: To approve the installation of a removable storage container

The East Dean and Friston Cricket Club would like to know the council's views on the provision of an additional storage facility at the recreation ground before they proceed with the purchase of mobile practice nets for the Club as part of their Development plan during 2019. The Club views practice nets as critical to their plans to develop a youth squad as well as encouraging more local community participation during summer weekday evenings. The practice nets would need to be stored when not in use.

In terms of funding, the club is exploring a number of additional grant funders including the England Cricket Board and Sussex Community Foundation in addition to the existing 2019 Club sponsorship and community fund-raising plan. They are shortlisting suitable nets designs similar to the one in this web-link [Collapsible cricket nets](#)

If the club is to protect assets such as this net and other mechanical assets (like a motorised roller which they are also planning for), they need a suitable storage facility. Given there is insufficient storage in the Pavilion or the external shed/locker, they are considering a green 3-4 metre container hidden away at the far end of the recreation ground, under the trees, near the flint wall.

The storage container could be removable at any point (in which case it should not need planning permission) but it would not be on the wheels. A ramp would also be needed to wheel-in/wheel-out the motorised roller.

The Club carried out a spring clean last year and will do another spring clean this year, to clear as much of the existing storage space as possible, but confirm they will not have space to store the new equipment. If the storage container is not deemed an acceptable solution, they would wish to consider alternative solutions proposed by the council.