

Date: 29 June 2021

Title: Report Item 13(f) – State of the Tennis Net

By: Cllr H Milligan

Purpose: To provide a condition report as requested on 3rd June 2021

Recommendation: To note the report and approve the recommendations

Tennis Net at East Dean

The net posts are leaning in towards the centre of the court. (Pic 1 and Pic 2)

This may be something to do with how the net posts are installed but without digging around the base of the net posts it is hard to tell. It is most likely happening because the net is being left under tension when not in use. It would be useful to have a sign reminding parishioners that they should de-tension the net using the winding mechanism (pic 3), as this will go some way towards preventing this issue worsening.



Pic 1.



Pic 2.



Pic 3.



Pic 4.

The winding mechanism is in good working order. The net posts are rusted (pic 4) and don't look that nice but there is nothing wrong with them that will stop them from functioning.

The question of the net drooping in the middle is not really relevant, as it is supposed to. The height of the net at the centre should be 6 inches lower than the height at the net posts (3ft

in the centre and 3ft 6in at the posts). As the posts are leaning a little, this will not be precise, but I think people can have a nice game as long as the height is right at the centre.

As the winding mechanism is in good working order, it would be useful to have a net measure available for people who want the net to be the right height. This would be 3ft at the centre of the net. It could literally be a piece of wood cut to 3ft so no major expense.

In an ideal world, the net posts would be re-conditioned in some way and re-set, but I am not sure it would be worth the potential expense at this stage, as this could be factored in to any future plans to resurface the court.

I hope this is helpful.