

Date: 02 March 2023

Title: Report Item 11 – Recreation Ground

By: K Larkin (Parish Clerk)

Purpose: To report on (a) a proposal to install a notice board for the Cricket Club; and (b) a proposal to create a memorial to a resident at the recreation ground

Recommendations: To note the report and consider the proposals

Cricket Club Notice Board

1. The Cricket Club report that the Residents' Association have been kind enough to sponsor a proposed noticeboard for the club to promote games, membership and opportunities to get involved. At the request of the Association, it would also have a permanent reminder not to fly drones in the area. The board would be professionally built and carry a plaque with sponsorship from the Association.
2. The Club would like to erect this at the entrance to the pitch next to the gate and would like to check whether there would be any objection to this from the parish council.
3. The photo below shows the likely size and design of the noticeboard. It would have double doors and take 8 x A4 notices, approx. size w 1160mm x h 740mm. It would have oaked posts and blacked in lettering saying 'East Dean and Friston Cricket Club', plus a plaque recording the donation from the Residents' Association. The Club is considering a slightly darker wood than in this photograph, though no decision has yet been made. The supplier would be a local craftsman.
4. The parish council as the owner of the recreation ground is requested to consent to this proposal.



Request to create a memorial

5. A resident has requested permission to memorialise his mother who has had a long association with Friston and East Dean, and whose family have played for the Cricket Club. The resident also states that his grandfather was instrumental in building the pavilion for the benefit of the club and community.

6. He would like to plant a tree beyond the western boundary with a small plaque and to have a short ceremony there and scatter some of his mother's ashes at its base when the time comes. The tree would possibly be a rowan tree, not large, but it should make an attractive addition to the area beyond the boundary and fulfil one of his mother's wishes. The resident would be happy to discuss details further.

7. There are rules covering the scattering of ashes, and a leaflet produced by the Environment Agency is being circulated to councillors. Briefly the burial of cremated ashes is not likely to cause harm to the environment and can be carried out without reference to the Environment Agency. However, the council has previously refused to accept memorial plaques other than inscriptions on memorial benches donated by members of the public.

8. The parish council as the owner of the recreation ground is requested to consent to these proposals.