

Date: 04 January 2024

Title: Report Item 10 – Tennis Court Resurfacing and Cricket Net Practice Usage Proposal

By: S Adeniji (Clerk), report by Cllr Milligan

Purpose: To consider the report by Cllr Milligan

Recommendations: a) To consider report 10 on proposals for tennis court resurfacing and fencing replacement as well as investigate the feasibility and cost of incorporating pickleball lines.

Introduction:

1. The report from Cllr Milligan is appended in ANNEX One of the report.
2. The sum of £2,000 has been allocated in the 2023/24 budget for Tennis Court Equipment. This amount remains unspent.

Agenda Item: Tennis Court Resurfacing and Cricket Net Practice Usage Proposal

Date: January 4th 2024

Submitted By: Hollie Milligan, Parish Councillor

1. Tennis Court Resurfacing and Fencing Replacement Proposal:

Background:

The community tennis court, a valuable asset to our parish, requires refurbishment due to the worn-out surface and fencing. To ensure the long-term functionality of the court and cater to diverse recreational interests, we propose seeking quotes for the tennis court resurfacing and fencing replacement.

Action Items:

Solicit quotes for tennis court resurfacing and fencing replacement.

Investigate the feasibility and cost of incorporating pickleball lines (See below more information on pickleball and its value to the community)

2. Cricket Net Practice Usage Proposal:

Background:

The cricket club has expressed interest in utilising the tennis court for cricket net practice. The club is willing to explore grant opportunities to fund the installation of cricket nets. Approval is sought to grant permission for the cricket club to use the tennis court for this purpose.

Action Items:

Grant permission for the cricket club to use the tennis court for net practice.

Encourage the cricket club to explore grants for the installation of cricket nets.

Picture submitted in supporting information:

Wider Redevelopment Consideration:

It's important to consider the proposed tennis court resurfacing within the context of the broader redevelopment plan for that area. The project should be viewed as part of a comprehensive strategy to enhance recreational facilities within our parish.

Request:

Seek approval from the Parish Council for both proposals, with acknowledgment that the court resurfacing should be considered in the wider plan of the area's redevelopment.

Explanation of Pickleball and Its Benefits for Parishioners:

What is Pickleball?

Pickleball is a paddle sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and table tennis. It is typically played on a smaller, rectangular court with a low net. The game is played with a paddle and a plastic ball with holes, similar to a wiffle ball. Pickleball can be enjoyed both indoors and outdoors, making it a versatile and accessible recreational activity.

Why Pickleball for Our Parishioners?

Inclusivity and Accessibility:

Pickleball is a sport that can be easily adapted to different skill levels and ages, making it inclusive for a wide range of parishioners.

The smaller court size and slower-paced nature of the game make it accessible for beginners, including older individuals who may find traditional sports challenging.

Social Engagement:

Pickleball is often played in doubles, fostering a social and community-oriented atmosphere. Parishioners can engage in friendly matches, promoting social interactions and community bonding.

Health and Fitness:

The game provides a moderate level of physical activity, promoting fitness and well-being without requiring intense physical exertion. It's a great option for those looking to stay active and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Low-Impact Nature:

Pickleball is a low-impact sport, placing less stress on joints and muscles compared to more strenuous activities. This makes it an ideal choice for individuals with joint concerns or those recovering from injuries.

Adaptability to Different Spaces:

Pickleball can be played on existing tennis courts with minimal modifications, making it a cost-effective option for enhancing our recreational facilities. It adds value to our existing infrastructure without the need for significant new investments.

Popularity Among Older Demographics:

The sport has gained popularity, particularly among older adults, as it provides a fun and engaging way to stay active. Introducing pickleball to our parish can cater to the interests of this demographic, promoting an age-friendly and inclusive community.

Incorporating pickleball lines on the tennis court aligns with our commitment to offering diverse recreational opportunities that cater to the varying interests and abilities of our parishioners. It's a strategic addition that can contribute to the overall well-being and enjoyment of our community members.

