



GRANT AWARDING POLICY

Introduction

The Parish Council welcomes and values the work of local voluntary groups and organisations. The Council has a policy for making grants to groups and organisations which contribute to the welfare of the community by improving or supporting facilities and/or activities. Applicants must be able to demonstrate a clear need for financial support.

Guidelines

An overall limit for the annual provision of grant aid will be determined as part of the Council's budget setting process and approved in January of each year. In 2023/24 the sum set aside for grants is £2,200.

Applicants must complete a grant application form (attached) which will include details of the need for the funds and the number of residents expected to benefit. **Applications should be received not later than 15 December 2023** and will be considered at the council meeting on 4th January 2024.

If the application is for a particular project or activity, any Grant awarded will generally not exceed 50% of the cost of the project or activity.

As a condition of receiving a grant, recipients will be required to acknowledge the Council's support in any publicity material.

The Council will not normally support commercial organisations, major charities, or bodies considered to be self-funded or provided for by other authorities.

The Council reserves the right to offer an alternate amount to that originally requested or to refuse any grant application.



APPLICATION FOR GRANT ASSISTANCE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL 2022/23

Full Name of Club / Organisation

East Dean & Friston Cricket Club

Details of your Club / Organisation's requirements for financial assistance. If this is in connection with a specific project please provide full details, including any estimates you have received

East Dean & Friston Cricket Club has 55 current members (Aged 16-75) and around 30 members of its various Youth squads (boys and girls aged 5-13) . Membership is open to anyone and the Club offers free winter nets to non-members, as well as members throughout the winter. Practice in the winter and summer nets is the single most important opportunity players get to improve their game.

We have three important projects we'd like EDFPC to consider for funding as follows:

Project 1 - Repair of the Club cricket net including replacement netting, repairs to wheels and towing bar

The single club cricket net gets used three times a week during the summer months for the 1st XI, 2nd / Sunday XI and youth squad practice sessions at the ground. Now, following 5 valuable years of use, the Club needs to implement repairs over the winter including:

- Replace the current many-times-repaired cricket netting which is now totally worn out – internet price is £499 + VAT*
- Repair the axle on the roller wheels – a member will do this work FOC - £50 for materials*
- Purchase a replacement scaffold to perform as the towing bar – we will ask a sponsor to donate a scaffold bar*

These repairs will provide the following benefits to the Club and local community:

- Reduce the amount of spent chasing balls which escape from the net*
- Reduce the risk of balls escaping the net and injuring someone*
- Increase player satisfaction*
- Increase the nets practice experience*

Project 2 - Installation of netting to prevent balls going into wildlife strip to the south of the ground

The cricket ball is often hit along the ground into the bushes and plants adjacent to the flint wall to the south of the ground. When this happens, there is a risk of plants being damaged and wildlife, including adders, being disturbed whenever this resulting search for cricket balls takes place. Valuable playing time is also wasted during the search and balls do get lost.

The Club would like to erect a discreet, knee high chicken-wire fence supported by neat wooden stakes along the southern boundary of the cut grass to prevent balls from rolling into this area. The fence will be high enough to stop rolling balls yet low enough for people to easily step over it if required.

The estimated cost of materials will be £200 and the labour will be provided FOC by club members in their own time.

The benefits to the cricket club and local community include:

- *Reduced risk of damage to plants and wildlife*
- *Reduced risk of injury to players from wildlife (adders)*
- *Improved playing experience for home and visiting players*

Project 3 – Purchase of second-hand refreshments bar for the pavilion

The Club would like to improve its social offering to members and the community and as such would like to purchase a second-hand bar and fridge so it can offer refreshments in the pavilion. At the same time, surplus or obsolete items in the pavilion are being removed (by the Club) and generally tidied up over the Winter in order to create more space.

There are plenty of suitable options for sale on Facebook Marketplace in the region of £300-£400. The Club would transport the furniture at no cost and would gift the furniture to the PC / community / pavilion.

The benefits to the cricket club and local community include:

- *Increased member and community satisfaction*

**Amount of Grant you wish to be considered for
or leave blank if it is a general application**

£1150

Reasons why your Club / Organisation cannot meet the expenses as detailed above

The Club bank account finds itself almost depleted following the capital investments made during 2023 and has very limited funds in its budget for 2024 to carry out this work. Membership and match fee income will cover operating costs in 2024 however capital investments and repairs like this require additional income from grants and sponsorship, hence this application which we would aim to top up from our own fund-raising The Club does have people willing to carry out all of the labour, so the funds are for materials only.

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Any other relevant information in support of your Club / Organisation’s application

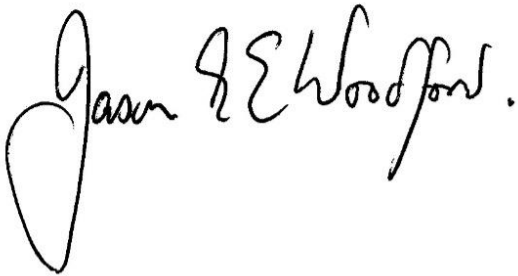
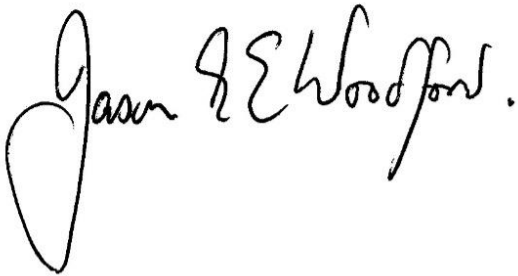
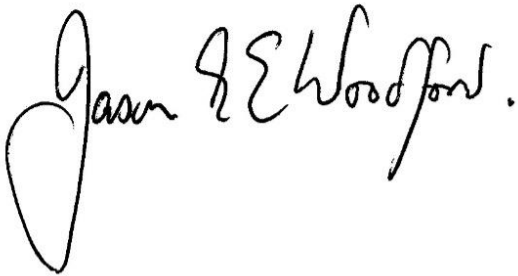
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