East Dean & Friston
Parish Council

Date: **16th May 2019**

Title: **Report Item 9 – Cricket Club storage of nets**

By: **K Larkin (Parish Clerk)**

Purpose: **To request permission to store practice nets on the recreation ground**

Recommendation: **To approve the request subject to review at the end of the 2019 season**

The Cricket Club reports that they have been able to secure a small grant for outdoor nets.

They have bought the following nets: Northern Polytunnels Cricket Club

The dimensions of the nets are: 24ft length x 12ft width x 9ft high
(7.3m L x 3.6m W x 2.7m H)

The background is that the Club is hoping to engage all the club members and the new members, including the 12 players from the village of East Dean and Friston. This year, they have an All-Stars cricket for 5-8-year-olds and have so far had booking from 24 cricketers with 9 being girls and the remaining, boys. They may have a few more before the campaign starts in less than a fortnight. They have taken steps to address so many youngsters at the club and will have many DBS checked adults taking care at any time.

However, these nets are on wheels and the mobile cage can be wheeled away from the main square but cannot be stored away because of its size.

The Club therefore requests permission to store the nets in the open, by the far wall, hidden under the trees/leaves. If permission is not forthcoming, the council is requested to propose an alternate storage solution.

It is regrettable that the council was not asked for permission before the purchase was made. However, the provision of nets may reduce the chances of stray balls hitting the new houses, and the activity is fully compatible with the intended use of the recreation ground. It is suggested that if permission is given, the Club should be asked to consult prior to any future purchases of items that require storage on the rec or in the pavilion.

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