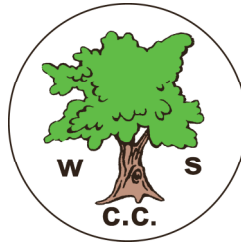


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Dear Parishioner,

I am writing to you in my capacity as Secretary of the Warborough & Shillingford Cricket Club as part of the Club's consultation process with the Parish to secure the provision of permanent cricket nets on or around the village green for both the Junior and Senior Cricket Clubs.

We currently have a thriving Junior Club with a membership of 125+ boys and girls ranging in age from 6 to 17. The club has identified a need to provide a safe facility for the provision of hard ball training on the Green. At present it is not possible to provide safe hardball training and practice for the older age groups whilst concurrently training junior members. Both Club Chairman and the respective committees strongly believe that to continue to provide effective cricket training and to field competitive teams to compete at county level, there is a compelling need to invest in and provide permanent cricket facilities.

In the medium to long term, sustainability of both clubs is dependant upon our ability to ensure that junior members can progress to competitive senior club cricket. At present this aim is not being fulfilled and young cricketers with strong potential are seeking to join other clubs in the area to experience and benefit from better facilities and training.

Some of you may be aware that the Senior Club did make a request for the provision of permanent net facilities last year but this request was unsuccessful as part of the wider initiative to provide recreational facilities adjacent to the Green. Both committees have decided to resurrect this initiative as a standalone request for consideration by the community and the Parish Council.

We believe that Warborough has an exceptional asset in the Green and that cricket as a sport is in keeping with, and complimentary to the maintenance and ongoing aesthetic attractiveness of the Green. We strongly believe that cricket embraces all age groups within the parish, both participants and spectators, and provides excellent recreation for the youth within the parish community. The Junior Club is run by volunteers and has secured the services of professional coaches to develop players going forward.

The clubs have been raising funds over the past two years and have carried out a review of possible locations for the nets. We have identified the locations on the attached plan and shortlisted the locations to option 5 on the Green and options 2 and 3 within the unused allotment area.

Of the options shortlisted our preference would be to have the nets on the Green. However we realise the level of public opinion that was raised against the play area and would like you to hear our proposals.

I have enclosed a copy of the presentation hand-out provided at the October Parish Council Meeting which shows the locations considered, their construction and a question and answer sheet to help answer the questions already posed. If you require further copies then these can be found on our website :- <http://www.wandscc.org>

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tiedeman', written in a cursive style.

Simon Tiedeman