

Hurstbourne Tarrant Parish Council

Parish Council meeting - Monday 18th February 2019

Cricket nets - KGV field

The Parish Council has been approached by parents of local children, requesting consideration be given to the provision of cricket nets on KGV.

Three quotes are attached - 2 formal quotes from reputable companies dealing with fixed installations (one is local in the Basingstoke area).

The third quote is for movable nets and the purchase of matting to be installed 'in house'.

If a fixed area is preferred including groundworks, permission will need to be sought from the Hampshire Playing Fields Association & Fields In Trust to carry out these works. They are not in favour of open space being taken up by fixed assets and were clear when the tennis courts were extended in 2006/7 that no further grassed area was to be built upon without prior agreement.

Utilising the concrete area by the play equipment would not impact on the grassed areas available for general public use. This could be skimmed by a local contractor, in preparation for matting.

A mobile net would mean it could be taken into the middle of the field or the football pitch if so desired.

Consideration should be given to any impact on the established football pitches (full and 5-a-side) which are well used during the better weather.

The Trustees of the HTCC have put forward concerns of ball games being played too near to the building where damage could be caused to the glass doors.

There is currently £1,974.58 & £2,688.03 (**total £4,662.61**) available from S106 developer contribution monies via TVBC. This is the last of the sports ground/formal recreation money. TVBC have already confirmed that they would be unlikely to have any objection to releasing funds for the purpose of cricket equipment.

Approximately £1,000-1,500 could be available from Hampshire Playing Fields Association, and some funding could be obtained from Sport England.