



WESTFIELD C.C. --Pavilion Update at 28.10.2018

An update on the situation regarding the building of a new pavilion as detailed below and to be read in conjunction with the revised timeline dated 28/10/2018 and "summary of grant applications".

- **1.** Parker & Son confirmed that they received the letter of intent dated 5th September. Chris Parker also confirmed that they couldn't start to build until Spring 2019 at the earliest which is acceptable as it will give a bit more time to obtain grants.
- Grant applications have been submitted to Rother District Council, Hastings Lions and following information submitted in a letter of interest to WARR we have been invited to submit a full application by 3rd January. Contact has also been made with Hastings Round Table, Hastings Rotary and Hastings Direct. Patrick E and I had a meeting, with Greene King who are interested in supporting the project and a proposal is imminent.
- **2.** As reported in August the ECB are only interested in offering top-up grants towards the end of the build and will only contemplate grants up to £50 k repayable over 5 years---I have declined this offer and also told them that we will not be making any changes to the size of the pavilion that they have requested, they have accepted this and asked that they be kept informed of progress.
- **3. Funding is proving difficult so I anticipate that the pavilion will not be ready until the 2020 season.** Not only have the ECB proved to be a disappointment but Sport England have also rejected an approach for a grant telling me that their fund is heavily over-subscribed and our project is not sufficiently different or unique, they also tell me that only about 20% of applications are approved. Other potential large funders do not give grants to local government bodies or have a limit on the amounts or both---see summary of grant applications. This will mean applying for smaller grants from more organisations hence my forecast of 2020.
- **4.** Michael E, Hamish M, Michael H and I met with Mick and Jon Baker on 26th October to discuss boundaries and water supply---please see the report from Hamish.
- **6. Other areas to discuss are:-**
 - a) **The new lease between WPC and WCC still needs to be finalised.**
 - b) **Fencing ---see meeting report from Hamish.**
 - c) **A number of trees at the southern boundary of the ground have been felled, the remaining stumps are being removed on 11th November and the ground will be levelled and seeded ready for next season. Once the ground has been prepared a fence will be erected around the boundary by the Bakers---again see meeting report from Hamish. Extending the ground will not only be beneficial to the cricket club as they will be able to utilise more of the square and attract, hopefully, Sussex Senior matches but it will benefit others in Westfield such as the Youth Club by providing additional space for Fun Days etc---also CricketFest.**