

Members to NOTE the report and CONSIDER the way forward

Background

Re: Minute Reference 217.21 Swindon Cricket Club

Members NOTED the request from the Swindon Cricket Club to keep a set of covers on the Recreation Field. When not in use to cover pitches, the preferred location to keep them is on the grass on the far side of the parking area. During the winter, the sheets would be removed, just leaving the frames in situ. Members considered the request and decided that more information was required before a decision could be made. Clerk to action.

Response Received from Kevin Thompson

How easy is it to move them around?

one person can move one cover (there are three covers).

Most Clubs have them now so players are used to the process

What is the specification of the frames and covers and storage size, with and without covers?

there are three covers each 7.3m X 4m (or each 8m X 4m if we can afford the lightly longer superior model). Without the covers (ie the sheets strapped on top) they are the same size, sheets are removed from end of August through until beginning of May to avoid damage in the winter months

What are the insurance plans?

we would decide whether it was something we wanted to insure on our comprehensive ECB policy, we certainly wouldn't expect them to be covered by your insurance

How much will they impede on grass cutting and grounds maintenance of the field (summer and winter)?

our thoughts were that they could be stored on the grass area at the far end of the car park, and hence would not be on an area used for sport. As they can be pushed by one person they can be moved aside in a few minutes when that area needs cutting

Will other users be affected?

I can't think of any circumstances when be they would be

In regard to the roller, who actually owns and insures it?

it is owned and insured by Swindon Cricket Club. I hired a transport company to move it to Lydiard when we stopped using it at the County Ground after we acquired a slightly wider replacement. Up until then we having a hire a roller for a week in April which was a) costly for the parish and b) meant the pitch wasn't rolled enough during the season.

I've just been up to service the roller as we'll be starting rolling soon. While I was there I checked the area where I suggested covers could rest when not in use.

The grass area at the end of the car park (the section not included in a football pitch) is 45m long and 12m wide, so the set of three covers would fit in one sixth of that area. They could be lined up parallel to the hedge so they would be 8m away from the football goal line