

Members are requested to NOTE this report and CONSIDER the request from Swindon Cricket Club (SCC)

Request Received

One of SCC Saturday sides plays in Wiltshire Cricket League Division Three, and the league stipulate that grounds in that Division should have sightscreens.

SCC has done budget calculations and can fund that so would like to get them in place as soon as possible if the Parish Council have no objections.

The style proposed is the same as can be seen at Avebury Cricket Club by the stone circle ie wind up mesh that is wound down to form a screen when games are on. See web link: <https://www.acscricket.co.uk/mesh-sightscreens/>

Additional Information

- they can be moved by one person
- they are 4m high, with a 4m by 3m base
- SCC would insure under their ECB policy, and does not expect the Council to cover it
- The sightscreens can be moved to the top of the field in the winter and dismantled for storage
- what is in place to stop, anyone else moving them around ? - Nothing firmly decided yet, but we did discuss this at our last Committee meeting. If we need to stop them being moved then probably chain(s) with a combination padlock, and they could be chained to something in the hedge or chained to each other in the winter
- where would they be placed when not in use during a game? - If the Council would prefer them not be left in their match positions behind the bowlers' arms then would it be ok to push them sideways so they were left next to the hedge on the far side, ready to be pushed back into position for the next game?
- Where in your eyes 'is the top of the field for winter storage? - I was thinking by the top hedge next to where the covers have been during the winter ie past the far end of the car park, above the football pitch. We can let down the frame over the winter so they are not visible from the houses the other side of the hedge
- Also no problems if the other teams want to make use of them once they've been trained on how to wind them down before matches and wind them up after the game
- We would welcome suggestions from the Councillors and I will attend next Thursday to try and answer any further questions arising.