To Denis Onley,

Chair of Ermington Parish Council. 30th August 2024

Dear Denis,

Please find attached a Vision Statement for the erection of a pavilion at Ermington Playing Field (EPF) for consideration by the parish council (EPC) at the next available meeting, on behalf of Ermington Cricket Club (ECC) in association with Modbury Cricket Club (MCC).

This document is a revision and refinement of proposals previously put before EPC and is intended to take into account the responses of EPC to the proposals put forward at the two previous meetings, as well as other indications of the type of facility that might be supported by EPC.

In particular the following points and assumptions have been taken into account :-

1. EPC have indicated that it supports the erection of a pavilion changing and toilet facility for cricketers on EPF, in principle and subject to detail.
2. EPC would undertake a form of public consultation before confirming support for any detailed proposal.
3. EPC does not wish to acquire any legal interest in EPF from South Hams District Council (SHDC), the freehold owners, in connection with the pavilion proposals or otherwise.
4. EPC would not support the transfer of a legal interest in the cricket playing area or the whole of EPF to ECC or to any other organisation formed for the purpose of administering the pavilion.
5. The position of EPC is such that EPF will remain an asset belonging to and managed by SHDC for the foreseeable future.
6. EPC would not object in principle to ECC or any organisation formed for the purpose of administering the pavilion taking a lease of the footprint on which the pavilion would be situated, from SHDC.
7. Prior to indicating support for any particular scheme, EPC would wish to see (i) sketches and/or architectural plans for the pavilion building, (ii) the rationale for / information regarding the proposed location site (iii) a business plan for the management and maintenance of the pavilion going forward.
8. EPC are unwilling to grant the financial assistance requested in relation to the proposals previously put forward but have yet to comment on the proposed pavilion design, size and site location.
9. EPC considers that there is no demonstrable local demand for a meeting /function room facility for hire on EPF for use that would be in competition with that available at the Hub and Reading Rooms.
10. EPC would view positively any aspect of the proposals conferring a wider community benefit such as a publicly accessible toilet facility.

The clubs currently benefit from the assistance of Nick Goodliffe, Funding and Facilities Manager of the Devon Cricket Foundation in progressing the proposals, including planning and funding issues.

If EPC considers that it can support these proposals going out to public consultation, the clubs would welcome the opportunity to collaborate with EPC on the content and format of the consultation exercise, in order to take the project to the next stage.

If there are any aspects of the proposals that EPC has reservations about, the clubs would welcome the opportunity for a constructive dialogue with (an) EPC representative(s) to attempt to resolve such issues without the need for further formal presentations at a PC meeting, should such issues not be resolved at the PC meeting when this document is considered.

Regards,

*Peter*

Peter Harker

Secretary, Ermington Cricket Club