



NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Southern Rural Committee**2. Date: **23 Jan 2014**3. Summary of application: **Replacement Tennis Clubhouse Facility**Name of organisation: **Knebworth Tennis Club**Sum requested: **£1,500**Total project cost: **£23,000**

Brief details:

In 2011 the old Tennis Club hut was burnt down in an arson attack. Through fund-raising the club has secured almost enough funds to construct a high-quality replacement clubhouse.

Knebworth Tennis Club has been in existence for at least 45 years and it serves both Knebworth Village and surrounding towns and villages. It's current membership is in the region of 160 with an age spread across the generations from 5 to 75 years of age.

The club is a friendly place with an emphasis on enjoying sociable and competitive tennis all year round. Unfortunately, being bereft of a clubhouse since the arson attack has somewhat restricted the club's activities and general atmosphere. Taking refreshments, sheltering from inclement weather, enhancing the safety of the environment for children and providing an environment likely to attract new members, are all reasons why a new facility is deemed essential.

The Club hosts a tennis court open day at the Village Fete every year in June and has an open access policy to people from all sections of the community. Members of the club have worked in partnership with Knebworth School for many years to increase access to tennis for all children.

Matched / linked funding: **£21,500**Funders: **See Below**Matched /linked funding : **£0**
or DRR

Funder:

Comments from Development Officer:

A dedicated club committee and additional volunteers spend many voluntary hours each year running the club, handling everything from insurance to court cleaning and maintenance, the staging and hosting of internal and external club competitions, through to the provision of children's coaching sessions and facilities renewal.

The Club has estimates for the whole project in the region of £23,000. The Club hopes to commence building work very shortly as funds already secured total £21,500 which is sufficient to complete the "shell" building stage, but not the electrical, plumbing or fitting-out stage.

Current project funding derives from the following sources:-

Knebworth Village Trust - £11,000

Insurance claim - £6,000

Fundraising Activities within the Club eg Quiz nights, parties etc - £3,500

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Knebworth Parish Council and Knebworth Village Trust both support the work of the club.

The Community Development Officer has examined this application against the Authority's Area Grants Policy, the organisation's accounts and grant history, and considers it an eligible application to put before the Committee.

Amount recommended: £1,500

4. Comments from Ward Members:

I support / do not support this application

Name:

Signed:

Date:

I support / do not support this application

Name:

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Date: