



NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Southern Rural Area Committee**2. Date: **10 Sept 2015**3. Summary of application: **Codicote Tennis Club Court Repairs**Name of organisation: **Codicote Tennis Club**Sum requested: **TBC**Total project cost: **TBC**

Brief details:

On Friday 17th July two large holes appeared on two of the three tennis courts at Bury Lane recreation ground, following a thunderstorm the night before. Unfortunately the club has been tirelessly improving the facilities at the site over the past few years which included the resurfacing all 3 courts with costs totalling £55,000.

The damage consists of a large hole in court 3 measuring approx. 2m x 1m, and a large depression on court 2 of approx. 4m x 4m. There is also a depression on the grass between court 1 and 2.

The Club now finds itself in a very difficult position, as it has 160 members and unfortunately only one useable court in operation. The Parish Council owns the two damaged courts which the Club pays an annual rent and is pursuing an insurance claim, although it is thought that such subsidence is not normally covered. The Club has informed the LTA and the original contractor, both have recommended a full ground survey is undertaken. The Parish Council has agreed to pay for the ground survey which will cost in the region of £1,000.

Matched / linked funding: **£1,000**Funders: **Codicote PC**Matched /linked funding: **In kind Support**
or DRRFunder: **LTA**

Comments from Development Officer:

The ground survey is to be undertaken shortly and the LTA have offered to pay for a consultant to manage and advise the Club on the findings. The Club has obtained two quotes for the repair work, one for £25,000 and the other for £38,000.

The sole aim of the Tennis Committee is to complete the repair work as quickly as possible; however the current ownership structure does add an additional layer of complexity for the Club. As a result the Tennis Club and the Parish Council have formed a working party to work closely together to pursue an insurance claim and to consider wider / alternative funding sources in case of need to achieve the court repairs in a timely manner.

The Club believes it is perhaps prudent to reach out to a number of potential funding sources in case of need to ensure the Tennis Club remains a core part of the local community, as is fully operational as soon as possible and is seeking any financial support the Committee is minded to award.

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.

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

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