



NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Southern Rural Area Committee**2. Date: **3rd Dec 2015**3. Summary of application: **Codicote Tennis Club Court Repairs**Name of organisation: **Codicote Tennis Club**Sum requested: **£500**Total project cost: **£15,640**

Brief details:

Members will recall the presentation made at the Committee's September meeting regarding the essential works the Club needed to carry to the courts at Bury Lane, Codicote.

As a reminder, the damage which occurred on the night of Thursday 16th July resulted from a severe thunderstorm which ultimately caused a large hole in court 3 measuring approx. 2m x 1m, and a large depression on court 2 of approx. 4m x 4m plus a depression on the grass between court 1 and 2. The news was particularly heart-breaking given that the club has been tirelessly improving the facilities at the site over the past few years. Such works include the resurfacing all 3 courts, replacing and updating nets, score posts and other court equipment, at a cost of £55,000.

The Parish Council, as owners of the courts was at the time looking to pursue an insurance claim to cover the repairs. Unfortunately this was not successful as it was deemed to be subsidence which was not covered within the policy.

The Parish & Club were therefore faced with reinstatement costs estimated at £15,640 plus VAT.

Matched / linked funding: **£14,000**Funders: **Parish Council**Matched /linked funding: **£1,500**Funders: **SRAC**Matched /linked funding: **£500**Funders: **HC Cllr Richard Thake Locality Budget**

Comments from Development Officer:

At the last meeting the Area Committee ruled that the provisional award of £1,500 should be committed but not be released until the outcome of the Parish's insurance claim was known. As a result the award was subsequently released at the club's request in order to initiate the works required. The repair work commenced on 26th October and was completed on 12th November.

The repaired areas will remain as black tarmac until next year when a colour coating (at a cost £800 + VAT) can be applied. The weather needs to be dry to undertake the colour spraying which the Club hope (funding permitting) can be completed ahead of the start of the Datchworth Summer tournament in April 2016.

The club recognises and gives thanks to the Area Committee's initial support to the rectification works to the courts and asks if Members were minded a further grant award in the region of £500 to assist with the costs associated with colour coating and lining out the repaired areas.

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: **£500**

4. Comments from Ward Members:

I support / do not support this application

Name:

Signed:

Date:

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Date: