

## RURAL/URBAN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS APPLICATION FOR 10TH FEBRUARY 2016 EXECUTIVE :

**Applicant :** Lapworth Cricket Club

**Description of scheme:**

1. To build a new patio area and walkway either side of the existing pavilion in order to create an enlarged amenity and leisure area for players and spectators; the existing facility has become inadequate for the increasing membership and spectators on match day. The new patio area would enable the club to site tables and seating to create an area to socialise during and after games and will also incorporate a ramp to create disabled access to the cricket pavilion.
2. To provide power to the equipment shed and score box; the club currently has no facilities to do basic maintenance, electricity in the equipment shed would enable the club to undertake its own repairs and maintenance of equipment, for example, battery charging, sharpening blades and use of a grinder. Being able to do a considerable amount of maintenance in-house, the club's costs would be considerably reduced. Power in the score box would mean the club could move to an electronic scoring device and be able to use power tools in that part of the ground, for example, leaf blowers and hedge cutters.

**Evidence of need:**

There is a visible need; the current paving is uneven and dangerous, there have already been a number of instances of people tripping on the uneven areas. Additionally, there is currently no disabled access to the pavilion thereby reducing opportunity for wheelchair users and making access more difficult for families with young children. A letter from a supporter, Ian Winter, dated 15th July 2015 suggesting the need for this project (a copy has been provided).

**3 years accounts received?**

2012 - 2014 accounts have been received, along with a recent bank statements covering the period 17th August to 4th November 2015; this evidences sufficient cash reserves to meet the contribution stated on the application form.

**Financial Performance; minus figure = deficit**

Year ended	Year ended	Year ended
31/10/14	31/10/13	31/10/12
£4,495	£7,237	£75

**Available Funds ( cash and reserves )**

Year ended	Year ended	Year ended
31/10/14	31/10/13	31/10/12
£12,133	£7,867	£11,092

**Details of membership, Details of usage:**

The club has the following classes of membership: Full Member – playing £70pa, Full Member – non-Lapworth Cricket Club is the only sports club in the village with over 60 members:

**REGULAR USE**

- \* Saturday 1st XI playing in the Cotswold Hills League Division 2; every week between May and September, 12-14 players involved each week
  - \* Saturday 2nd XI playing in the Cotswold Hills League Division 6; every week between May and September, 12-14 players involved each week
  - \* Sunday XI playing friendly fixtures against local clubs; every week between April and September, 12-14 players involved each week
  - \* Mid-week XI playing in the Shirley Mid-Week League Division 2; every week between May and August, 12-13 players involved each week
  - \* Club practice night every Tuesday evening between April and September, 18 - 25 players involved each week
- Each of the teams noted above has players from within the local community of all ages ranging from 16 to 60 years old.

**AD-HOC USE**

- \* When the ground isn't being used by the club's teams on Sunday's and mid-week, it is hired out to other local teams, approx 12 times per season
- \* Members social events are held such as quiz nights, curry nights, BBQ's; approx. 5 events per year (approx. 30 people attending)
- \* Lapworth Guides; approx 2 activities per year, however, the club are expecting to increase this in 2016 by running cricket training sessions, approx 20 people per activity
- \* Lapworth Brownies; approx 2 activities per year, approx 25 people

\* Annual fun day which includes a number of Lapworth groups and organisations in the planning and running of the day such as WI, Lapworth Players, History Group, Brownies & Guides, Lees Chapel etc. The 2015 event attracted 750 adults & children.

\* The clubhouse is also hired by individual members of the community for events such as birthdays, anniversaries and christenings; there are approx 3 to 4 events per year with approx 50 to 100 people attending each event

In 2016 the club plan to start a Junior section and will be actively promoting this prior to the start of the new cricket season; the club already have two fully qualified ECB coaches.

**Details of Organisations equalities policies:**

Lapworth Cricket Club's Constitution rule 5.1 states: Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation religion or other beliefs. A copy of the constitution has been provided.

<b>3 quotes provided:</b>	Yes - three quotes have been received for each aspect of the project (6 quotes in total)	
<b>Which of the Council's Corporate Priorities are met?</b>	<b>Evidence</b>	
<b>Reduce anti-social behaviour</b>	<p>Although the project doesn't directly impact on this, without the club there would be no sports activities within the village which would potentially increase anti-social behaviour. Currently the club has.....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three senior teams who play regular competitive matches</li> <li>• Ad-hoc usage by Lapworth Guides and Brownies</li> </ul> <p>The clubhouse is also hired for ad-hoc events and members hold several social events each year. The plan to develop the area in front and to the sides of the existing pavilion will create an attractive leisure area where parents can sit and watch their children participating in the practice &amp; training sessions. The club are keen to increase membership and are now actively targeting local youth with a club objective of running a 3rd Saturday XI within the next three years. It is envisaged that this team will be primarily made up of young players in the 14 – 17 age bracket; it is anticipated that an increase in membership in particular the local youth will give them a purpose in life. This all helps to potentially reduce anti-social behaviour.</p>	
<b>Reducing obesity, particularly in children</b>	<p>Although the project doesn't directly impact on this, without the club there would be no sports activities within the village which would potentially increase obesity. Currently the club has.....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three senior teams who play regular competitive matches</li> <li>• Ambitious plans to develop a junior section with its own practice nights and ultimately junior teams</li> </ul> <p>With the assistance of their two qualified ECB coaches a programme of training activities will encourage youngsters to live a more active life. A key aspect of the club's policy is to ensure that the parents of these children have somewhere to congregate and relax whilst watching their children participating in sport – the project will achieve that objective. This all helps to potentially reduce obesity, including within children.</p>	
<b>Increase opportunities for everyone to enjoy and participate in sports, arts and cultural activities</b>	<p>The project will help to increase opportunities for the community to enjoy sports and cultural activities, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The plan to develop the area in front and to the sides of the existing pavilion will create an attractive leisure area where parents can sit and watch their children participating in the practice &amp; training sessions - currently this option is not available to the parents.</li> <li>• Supporters of the club will also be able to utilise this area on match day to sit and watch the cricket – another facility that currently is not available.</li> <li>• The new patio area will also incorporate disabled access by way of a ramp to the cricket pavilion as currently there is no disabled access which will increase opportunity to participate for disabled members of the community and this will also benefit families with young children who need to use prams.</li> </ul>	
<b>Engaging and strengthening communities</b>	<p>The club has links with the following organisations/groups; WI, Elderberries, History Group, Brownies, Girl Guides, Lapworth Players, Scarecrow Festival and PTA.</p> <p>A pleasant and safe facility will continue to ensure that the club can achieve their objective of being the focal point of the community. Additionally, the new patio area will enable supports and families to congregate and socialise during and after matches and practice sessions. The club is also managed and run by a wide range of volunteers from the local community and the activities that are available also bring together a wide range of people from the community, for example; competitive cricket teams, social events, Guides and Brownies, Fun Day. This all helps to engage and strengthen the community.</p>	
<b>Targetting disadvantage in rural / urban areas:</b>	<p>The club offer a reduced membership fee for students (U21's) as well as cheaper rates for juniors. There are no bus services in the village, as a result the club offers sporting facilities to those members and families of the local community who do not have access to their own means of transportation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The nearest sporting facilities outside of Lapworth are at Hockley Heath where they play football on the recreation ground and you have to travel much further a field to Claverdon if you want to participate in Rugby.</li> <li>• The nearest cricket clubs to Lapworth Cricket Club's Melson Memorial Park ground are Dorridge CC and Rowington CC. Neither of these two venues have any public transportation links with Lapworth which is approx. 2 miles from each club both served by very busy roads with little or no pedestrian provision.</li> </ul>	
<b>Total cost of scheme (including VAT where appropriate)</b>	£23,436	Including VAT
<b>Funded by:</b>	<b>Status</b>	
<b>Lapworth Parish Council</b>	£500	Approved
<b>Own Funds</b>	£11,218	
<b>Total RUCIS</b>	<b>£11,718</b>	
<b>equates to</b>	<b>50.0%</b>	