

Easton on the Hill Parish Council

EASTON ON THE HILL PLAYING FIELD

CONSULTATION ON PROVISION OF A LEASE OF THE LAND TO THE CRICKET CLUB



The Cricket Club in Easton on the Hill has been playing cricket on the Village Playing Field for over 40 years and for over a century in the village – first starting near Cliffe Road.

There has always been an arrangement between the Parish Council (PC) and the Cricket Club that they have permission to use the outfield and wicket area and there have been loose agreements and terms and conditions in place for many years.

With the recent, successful registration of the ownership of the Playing Fields in the Parish Council's name, it is now possible to lease the land to the Cricket Club on a long-term basis. This will enable the Cricket Club to apply for grants and funding from many other bodies and invest financially in the facilities and future of the club, knowing they have long-term security of tenure.

In order for the Parish Council to grant this, our Financial Regulations stipulate that we must get the views of the parishioners on the leasing out of the land and present a business case to gain agreement at a future meeting. The land is an asset to the Parish Council and as such any selling or leasing must be a financially sound and sensible decision. **The PC therefore wants your views.** The views will be taken into account when the PC decides whether to lease out the land or not. Any lease will still have to retain the rights for the public to access the land as they do now and the intention is that there will be no real change to existing arrangements – it will just be formally binding and long-term. The details of the lease would need to be drawn up to ensure access is retained etc, so **the views on the provision of a lease per se only** are sought, in case there are better uses of the land or arrangements the PC needs to consider.

More information is available should you need it. Please get in touch. Let us know your views.

Please email the Clerk, Jenny Rice, with your views, for or against, suggestions and alternatives at clerk@eastononthehill-pc.gov.uk or ring on 07889669550 or write a letter to Hibbins Cottage, The Green, Ketton, STAMFORD PE9 3RA

All responses by 19th February 2021. Thank you.