

Briefing for Wickham Market Parish Council

Proposal to support Wickham Market Football Club apply for a grant to repair the roof.

Agenda Item: FC23:76

1. Background

- 1.1. Marc Worne, Chair of Wickham Market Football Club explained the current issues and possible solutions to the Finance and General Purpose Committee:
 - 1.1.1. The football Club roof requires urgent repairs as some areas have already failed.
 - 1.1.2. Costs are expected to be c£25k.
 - 1.1.3. Football Foundation will provide grant funding for 75% of this provided there is a lease in place with more than 10 years to run.

2. Issues

- 2.1. The principal issue is that the Football Club has never had a lease and the prospect of arranging one in the short term is not viable

3. Options

- 3.1. As there is no lease in place and no prospect for this to change in the short term, a second option has been suggested.
 - 3.1.1. The Parish Council could be a joint applicant for the grant.
 - 3.1.2. There would be no financial commitment from the Parish Council. The Football Club would raise the remaining 25% of the costs.

4. Safeguards

- 4.1. The football Club should indemnify the Parish Council for any costs.
- 4.2. However, if the Parish Council choose to evict the Football Club within 10 years, The Parish Council would be responsible to the Football Foundation for grant claw back.
- 4.3. If the football club choose to leave the building, they must indemnify the Parish Council for the clawback

5. Recommendation from the F&GP Committee

- 5.1. It was proposed that the F&GP Committee recommend to the Full Parish Council that the joint grant application option should be approved contingent on an indemnity for costs, except grant clawback should there be an eviction within 10 years.

A copy of the grant Ts & Cs is available to councillors on request