

**Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee**

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>25 October 2016</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Cricket Club Clubhouse Redevelopment</b>
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	<b>Graham Hunt, Town Clerk Janine Howells, Asset Manager</b>

**Purpose of this Report**

1. To provide a verbal / written update on the progress of the redevelopment of the Cricket Club clubhouse.

**Update**

2. A progress meeting was held with the Cricket Club on 24 August where funding, project planning and the Heads of Terms were discussed in some detail. There is not yet full agreement on those Heads of Terms and it is now likely that we will instruct solicitors to draw up the new lease, based on the Heads of Terms as previously shared, plus some comment on further requirements.
3. There is continued concern from a neighbour with regard to potential noise nuisance and claimed conflicts with the Neighbourhood Plan. It is hoped that the terms of the new lease will satisfy the concerns.
4. Following on from the application to SODC for capital funding, members of the Cricket Club, the Community Services Manager and Cllr. Champken-Woods attended a meeting of the SODC Grants Panel on 4 October. The SODC Grants Panel were discussing the grant applications received and the SODC Officers evaluation report. A formal decision on this application will be made within 14 days of the meeting.
5. The Cricket Club have provided an update on their funding sources that they are seeking; or have been successful in securing for the project. An award of £25,000 has recently been secured from Thame Welfare Trust. A buy a brick scheme has been launched. The Cricket Club will continue to seek funding opportunities.
6. The building project continues to be managed by Holland and Green Ltd. and a structural engineer has been commissioned to commence the Building Control drawings and specification stages to enable a tender package to be issued.
7. Works for the archaeological evaluation of the site have been ordered and will be undertaken prior to commencement of the works in 2017.
8. The following orders have been issued by the Council in relation to the project:
  - 5 September – LKA Structures Ltd. – provision of structural services.
  - 26 September – Oxford Archaeology Ltd. – provision of archaeological evaluation.
9. Officers continue to manage the project in line with the financial contribution as agreed by Council on 27 October 2015. The Council has to date committed funds of £30,035.94 towards the project, including some unrecoverable VAT. Cost control is being maintained against the costing spreadsheet provided by the Cricket Club.

**Action Required**

10. To note the report.