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Meeting	Community Services Committee
Date	13 January 2020
Report by	Julie Rees – Commons and Greens Officer
Report title	Harpenden Cricket Club Signage
Business Plan theme	Outstanding Commons and Green Spaces

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 Harpenden Cricket Club have requested permission from the Town Council to erect a formal club sign on the Common at the top of the driveway next to St Albans Road (A1081).

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to grant permission to Harpenden Cricket Club to install a new sign on the Common as detailed in Appendix A.

3. Background information

- 3.1 Currently, no formal signs exist roadside to tell or direct visitors, players or spectators to Harpenden Cricket Club.
- 3.2 Harpenden Cricket Club has over 750 members of which 200 are under 16. It is one of the few clubs that fields 6 Saturday League XI's with the 1st XI playing in the Premier League. The junior section is one of the largest in Hertfordshire. The Club hosts regular County games during the season.
- 3.3 The installation of new signage by the entrance to the Club will improve the visibility of the Club to all passers-by, users and visitors. The signage will be consistent with that agreed at the November 2019 Community Services Committee. The signage will also be used to inform the public of future games and events.
- 3.4 It is envisaged that if approval is obtained from the Town Council and planning permission is secured from the District Council then subject to funds, the Club would look to get the signage installed ready for the start of the 2020 season.

4. Resource implications

- 4.1 Harpenden Cricket Club will fund the cost of any planning application, the manufacture and installation of the new sign.

5. Other implications

Other Implications	Comment
Legal	Advertising planning consent will be required from St Albans District Council.
Environment and biodiversity	The sign will be a natural wood design consistent with that previously agreed by Committee. The existing gates and posts in the area are also wooden.
Crime and Disorder	None
Risk/Health & Safety	None

6. Appendices

- 6.1 Appendix A – Proposed design for new Harpenden Cricket Club sign, photos and location map