

Addingham Civic Society Petanque Court Proposal

Introduction

Addingham Civic Society has a remit to serve the village community. It has performed this role in many different ways over the years, one being the funding and provision of quality leisure facilities. These have included refurbishment of the childrens' playground adjacent to the Medical Centre and construction of the Multi Use Games Area.

Currently there is a move nationally to improve fitness, health and well-being with a particular emphasis on outdoor pursuits. The Construction of a petanque court is a relatively low cost activity. It is a popular all-age game played principally in mainland Europe, particularly France and by holiday makers from the UK. It is simple in concept and can be played to a wide range of skill levels, requiring a rectangular court and sets of boules. In theory it can be played all year round but is generally played in the summer months.

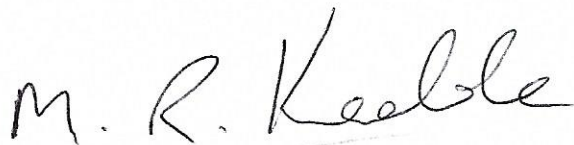
Proposal

The Society wishes to partner with the Parish Council to construct a petanque court on Council owned land to the southeast of the War Memorial (see attached Location Plan). The rectangular court will be 5 metres by 12 metres and can be constructed in the existing space between trees and bushes. Its location will not impinge on informal paths passing through this area. The Society is prepared to fund construction of the new court and its on-going maintenance. The proposal has the support of the adjoining Bowls Club which considers it to be complementary to its activities.

Addingham Civic Society requests the agreement of Addingham Parish Council to undertake this project.

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Addingham Civic Society Trustees



NB the proposed court would benefit from a short paved path linking it to the steps southeast of the War Memorial.

It was noted that the steps and paved areas associated with the War Memorial are in a poor state of repair. Some of the slabs are loose and others have moved creating a serious trip hazard.

