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EXTRA ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

21st July 2020

20/142. Recreation Ground: Covid-19 restrictions

- HMG has recently relaxed restrictions on competition and training in community sport, requiring facility owners to decide if, when and how sport can resume safely within community facilities.
- In Cottenham, this primarily affects the three clubs with whom the Parish Council has partnership agreements, notably:
 - Cottenham United Football Club, including Cottenham United Veterans FC
 - Cottenham Cricket Club
 - Cottenham United Colts Football Club
- In the current season:
 - Cottenham Cricket Club would normally expect exclusive access within the cricket oval to avoid damage to the outer playing field and to the Sports Pavilion for changing, showers and refreshment
 - Cottenham United Football Club might begin training sessions in preparation for matches to start in August with limited use of the pavilion beyond equipment storage
 - Cottenham United Colts Football Club might begin training sessions, mostly at the Village College, in preparation for matches to start in August, at which time the pavilion kitchen hosts a “tuck shop”.
 - Cottenham Veterans would host their charity “Cottenham Cup” tournament in July with local clubs – this is not feasible in 2020.

DRAFT RESOLUTION:

- **Subject to the Clubs operating within ECB and FA safety guidelines and providing valid risk assessments to the Clerk**, training sessions could be allowable under CPC’s conditions of Public Liability Insurance provided:
 - each Club’s risk assessments require no access to the Sports Pavilion by more than one person at a time; with only Council able to vary this condition due to costs and resources involved in ensuring sanitisation etc.
 - no vehicle access to the Recreation Ground is allowed while the access road is closed for reconstruction, mostly during August, and
 - an allocation will be made to avoid undue wear and tear of playing surfaces, with:
 - Cricket staying within the 2nd Field oval
 - Football staying within the 1st and 3rd Fields
 - CALF approves the specific arrangements under which each Club returns to competitive play within updated HMG guidelines as they are published.