

Wroughton Parish Council

Open Spaces Meeting 5th December 2023

11. Cricket Wicket

To consider approving the cost of a yellow coated PVC galvanised steel wire rope and padlock to go around the edge of the cricket wicket to stop people from entering the wicket.

Introduction

There is a rope around the cricket wicket to stop people from running or playing on it, as it's on an area of public open space. There has been a spate of recent vandalism where someone has been pulling out the corner posts which hold up the rope, and cutting the rope. The Grounds Team and the Cricket Club have been tying the rope together and putting it back. However, last week, the rope was cut on 2 separate occasions, during which a section of rope was removed. The lack of slack available means the Grounds Team have patched it with a section of different rope. However, it's now at the stage where it needs replacing.

The Police have been informed of the vandalism and also that we assume there is someone walking around the Weir Field with a knife/ bladed instrument - this comes on top of an incident where someone cut the rope of one of the swings, and also part of the toddler swing seat (does not impact its safety).

Request for consideration

The Grounds Team Manager and the Cricket Club agree that it is pointless purchasing a replacement rope, as the vandalism may well continue. The Grounds Team Manager advises buying a yellow coated PVC galvanised steel wire rope, as it's extremely difficult for anyone to cut through it. The bright colour should make it stand out so small children and larger dogs don't run into it.

The screenshot shows the GSProducts website. The main product is 'Yellow Coated Steel Wire Rope'. The page includes a navigation bar with 'MY ACCOUNT', 'MY BASKET 150', and 'CHECKOUT'. A shopping basket overlay is visible, showing '150 Items in Basket' and a 'Basket Subtotal: £69.00'. The product details for the rope are: '3mm-5mm 6x19c Yellow PVC Galvanised Steel Wire Rope - Per Meter', with an 'Exc. VAT: £0.46' and a quantity of '150'. The page also features a 'DELIVERY INFORMATION' section with 'dpd Predict' and a 'PRODUCT SIZES' section. The bottom of the page has a URL 'www.gsproducts.co.uk/checkout/cart/' and several icons for different products.

Recommendation:

Approve the purchase approx. 150m of yellow coated PVC steel wire rope at a cost of £70, plus a padlock at a cost of approx. £60 to join the rope ends together, to be taken from the Winter Maintenance budget line 4450/ 210 where there's £1,400 remaining.