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GREAT AND LITTLE EVERSDEN PARISH COUNCIL

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Mr Andrew Filmore SCDC Planning (Ref. 106 Agreement OSP148)

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Dear Mr Filmore,

In response to your request our Community put forward some suggestions at our Parish Council meeting on 2nd November for projects that might qualify for funds from the affordable homes development.

Public Open Space;

Recreation Ground

(Note: The recreation ground is only a short footpath walk directly from the development site and its own new access path).

We hope eventually to have a Replacement Pavilion Cost Estimate £200,000.

The Committee have decided to look at the viability of replacing the existing building which requires expensive maintenance. This could be used as a venue for many village groups. Build Target 2020.

Moveable Goals £2837.60

The pitches are to be re-aligned (following the new position of the cricket squares) by about 10 metres. A pair of moveable goals will allow more flexibility in accommodating fixtures to the advantage of all age group users.

Outdoor Gym/recreation/fitness equipment

Climbing Boulder £4500.00

Various items of equipment are planned for user group 12-18 years and a multi surface play area. Planned are; a Climbing wall, Zip- wire, Bars, Beams, all adjacent to the popular youth shelter already purchased and in place. The total cost of all the facilities planned will be in the region of £120,000. Existing equipment (Roundabout, Swings, Slides,) will all eventually be re-

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located to this new area. The committee already have two thirds funding through a large donation. This will create a fitness/play area for older children, teenagers and adults of 18years and older. A climbing boulder would be a useful immediate addition for us.

To summarise, any open space contribution towards the £7337.60 would be most welcome. A pair of moveable goals and a Climbing boulder could offer older children teenagers and adults in our community an opportunity to benefit from the development.

Community Facilities;

Village Hall The Eversdens Village Hall is just yards from the development and again accessed directly from the footpath proposed within the development.

The car park, (leased from SCDC) requires hard surfacing. **Estimated cost £60,000.00** SCDC permission would be sought.

Many user groups of the Village hall utilise or would like to use our stage. This is difficult and laborious to erect and when in its compact storage position uses valuable floor space. The committee have plans for new modular light-weight staging that can be easily used in different forms, erected easily and often, and stored easily at the back. Users would include;

- Eversden Vital Spark theatre group for pre-school and primary age children. (Our present staging is also a little high for young children).
- Eversden Players Perform Pantomime each autumn, and occasional spring productions.
- Eversden Flower Club Demonstrations, Displays and visiting speakers often need a stage.
- Village Hall Committee Hold regular meetings, fundraisers, quizzes, dinners, charity events. They would like to be able to use the stage more often.
- Other Village potential users who have expressed an interest in a more useable lightweight stage include our two churches, which could from time to time use sections for public events.

Replacement sectional staging £6,500.00 approx for 14.5m sq. any contribution towards this spend would be welcome. Each section/unit is 0.75m square. (We might require up to 17m sq eventually).

Both the Recreation ground Committee and the Village Hall Committee are anxious that any contribution towards their projects from the development on Church Street will not put at risk the viability of the affordable homes development.

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The Parish Council agree with both the Village Hall Committee and Recreation Ground Committee that the timely build of the much delayed OSP148 affordable homes is our Communities` priority.

The build delay has already we believe, lost us four valuable residents recently; two to Elsworth and two to a new shared equity home in Trumpington.

We need homes for local people so they can continue to contribute to our Community. However desirable any windfall cash benefit to our Community might be, Councillors feel it will prove detrimental in the long run if the additional cost puts the build project itself or quality of its provision at risk.

Bearing in mind the large area of trees, new footpath link and play space included and funded by the developers, the Parish Council was not expecting any financial benefit on top of the gain from the development itself.

Yours sincerely

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On Behalf of Great and Little Eversden Parish Council