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LICENCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN LITTLE EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

AND

THE EASTONS CRICKET CLUB

TO USE THE MANOR ROAD PLAYING FIELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLAYING CRICKET MATCHES

AIMS:

1. To foster good relations between the Eastons Cricket Club ("ECC"), Little Easton Parish Council ("LEPC") and residents of Little Easton Parish.
2. To ensure that the Playing Field is kept in good order whilst providing sporting entertainment for players and spectators.
3. To encourage residents of Little Easton Parish, regardless of age, gender and diversity to become members of ECC.

LITTLE EASTON PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Subject to clause 3 in this section, LEPC will allow exclusive use of the Playing Field (to the outfield as delineated by the cricket boundary) to ECC on all match dates as stated in the annual pre-approved list of fixtures by LEPC and the Trustees of the Memorial Hall, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld.
2. LEPC is responsible for maintaining the playing field, and for negotiating and selecting a grass cutting contractor. In the event of a disagreement, LEPC's decision is final. ECC are free to negotiate the number, frequency and cost of any individually requested grass cuts of the outfield with LEPC's contractor and are responsible for direct payment to that contractor.
3. ECC is allowed free access for all matches and practices but are reminded that, as the Playing Field was donated to LEPC to support, maintain and improve, a parish function will have prior

claim on any particular day. However, as a default, LEPC will apply strongest endeavours to avoid fixture dates for village functions.

4. LEPC will endeavour to obtain best value in ensuring the Playing Field is suitably maintained for cricket matches and general recreational use. If additional grass cuts are required by ECC for the outfield, then LEPC will not object provided the Parish Clerk is made aware of additional cuts as soon as possible, although prior authorisation is not required.

EASTONS CRICKET CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. **PAVILION:** The pavilion is an asset of LEPC as agreed on 4th April 1987 between LEPC and ECC. However, ECC are granted exclusive use for as long as ECC remains in existence and subject to:
 - a. the pavilion being maintained and insured by ECC;
 - b. the pavilion not being used for social events;
 - c. the pavilion not being hired out to any third party;
 - d. no bar to be installed in the pavilion and no alcoholic drinks sold therein; and
 - e. upon giving reasonable notice to the ECC's Secretary, LEPC having access to the pavilion for inspection only.
2. In the event of a conflict between this licence and the Agreement of 4th April 1987, the Agreement of 4th April 1987 shall prevail.
3. Internal and external modifications and extensions to the pavilion need to be approved in writing by LEPC beforehand but permission to proceed will not be unreasonably withheld.
4. **GRASS CUTTING:** ECC to be responsible for payment of 50% of the annual cost involved in cutting the cricket outfield (1.73 acres excluding the wicket) up to the boundary, using the Parish Council's approved contractor.
5. **VEHICLE ACCESS:** ECC will ensure that no vehicles are driven on the ground (the exception being the transport of items and equipment to maintain the pavilion, the wicket and outfield; and on match days, cricket teas). All vehicle owners are expected to co-operate when there is an on-going function at the Memorial Hall and a contemporaneous match, practice or maintenance of the outfield/wicket.
6. **GOOD ROAD BEHAVIOUR:** ECC should regularly remind members and visiting teams that Manor Road is primarily a single-track unadopted private road and all cricketers and spectators are expected to drive slowly and sensibly, respecting resident households. It is strongly recommended by LEPC that, before a match commences, a sufficiently large warning sign be positioned at an appropriate place to warn pedestrians and vehicle drivers of the danger of a cricket ball crossing Manor Road and causing injury or damage.
7. **INSURANCE:** ECC will ensure that there is adequate insurance cover on the pavilion and for public liability. ECC will also ensure that the ground will not be used by teams other than ECC

and fixtured match opponents unless they have written permission from LEPC and on these occasions ECC's insurers should be notified.

8. **ADVERTISING:** During a match, ECC are allowed to erect advertising banners in front of the pavilion and adjacent to it on the North side of the ground. The top of such banners should not be any more than one metre high from the surface of the ground. The products and services being advertised should not cause offence or create controversy.

FIXTURE MANAGEMENT:

1. ECC will provide a list of up to 15 fixture dates to the Parish Clerk and the Memorial Hall Bookings Clerk by 10th February each year and will liaise with the Memorial Hall Bookings Clerk over potential clashes with the Memorial Hall bookings. Once the fixture list is agreed then the fixture list takes precedence over any subsequent Memorial Hall bookings. Fixtures will be published by the Parish Clerk on the Playing Field noticeboard.
2. Additional fixture dates or mid-season fixture changes will be considered on a case-by-case basis by LEPC with the prime focus on encouraging diversity in club membership and matches. Usage of the ground will be solely limited to members of ECC and fixtured match opponents. From time-to-time the ground may be made available for mid-week training sessions to assist diversity on a non-exclusive basis but, again, only with LEPC pre-authorisation.
3. The Parish Clerk will be kept informed of any additional proposed or agreed fixture dates prior to and throughout the season and any matter relating to clashes with Memorial Hall bookings. In the event of a bookings dispute the Parish Council will be the sole arbiter at the next Ordinary LEPC meeting or (if necessary) Extraordinary Meeting.
4. All matches are one-day matches and will usually take place on a Sunday, the exception being the Countess of Warwick Show weekend where matches are played on the Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday.
5. The club is not allowed to sub-let the ground without a specific request to LEPC, but only in exceptional circumstances will LEPC approve.

TERM OF LICENCE AGREEMENT:

1. This Licence Agreement shall commence on the date hereof and continue for a minimum period of 25 years whilst ECC remains in existence.
2. This Licence Agreement will be reviewed annually with any alterations or amendments being carried out only with the joint agreement of LEPC and ECC.
3. As part of each annual review, if both parties agree, then the Licence Agreement Term shall be reset for a further minimum period of 25 years.

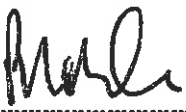
TERMINATION:

LEPC reserves the right to terminate this Licence Agreement for any of the following reasons:

1. ECC ceases to exist as an entity or ECC changing its primary objective from the playing of cricket.
2. ECC fails to produce valid certificates of insurance for the pavilion and public liability within four weeks of a request to view these by LEPC.
3. Failure by ECC to suitably address and resolve issues detailed by LEPC in three separate letters of complaint within a twelve months period regarding cricketers not respecting residents by driving at excessive speed in Manor Road to and from the Playing Field.

Signed on behalf of Little Easton
Parish Council - Chairman

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Clerk

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Signed 21 December 2024

Signed on behalf of The Eastons Cricket
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Chairman



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PETER TAYLOR

Secretary



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TIMOTHY BORMAN