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Proposal to Goring Parish Council

Request for Permission to Use Roll-On Cricket Covers at Gardiner Recreation Ground

Submitted by: Goring Cricket Club

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1. Overview

Goring Cricket Club (GCC) requests permission from Goring Parish Council to position roll-on cricket covers at Gardiner Recreation Ground. These covers will protect the wicket from rain, improve playing conditions, meet league ground requirements and support the continued development of cricket within the local community.

2. Purpose and Benefits

Roll-on covers provide several benefits:

- **Improved protection of the cricket square** during adverse weather.
- **Reduced match cancellations** for junior and senior teams.
- **Better player development**, particularly for youth cricket.
- **Eligibility for promotion** – it is a mandatory requirement that all clubs in Division 3 have roll-on covers (we are one promotion away from Division 4).

The equipment is widely used across community clubs and is considered non-intrusive and low-impact.

3. Dimensions and Colours

The proposed roll-on covers have the following specifications:

- **Length:** 8 metres
- **Width:** 4 metres
- **Number of covers:** 3 units – this is the standard number of units to allow sufficient coverage of the cricket square

- **Cover Material Colour:** Weatherproof PVC sheeting, standard for cricket covers. Various options on colours – we are looking at either dark green or maroon, the latter with incorporation of the club logo (see appendix)

We are aware of the requirement that due to being within an AONB / Conservation area, no advertising should be included on the covers – therefore they will either be plain or only incorporating the club logo. Subject to approval of this request, please advise if the council has a preference on colour option.

4. Equipment and Storage

- **Type:** Portable, manually operated roll-on cricket covers.
 - **Installation:** No permanent fixtures or groundworks required.
 - **Storage Location:** The covers will either be on positioned within the roped off square (when protecting the pitch) or at all other times neatly positioned along the outfield/recreation boundary, in a location agreed with the Parish Council and grounds staff.
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5. Management and Responsibility

GCC will be fully responsible for:

- Safe and secure operation of the covers.
 - Ensuring no obstruction or damage to public areas.
 - All maintenance and repair costs, at **no cost to the Parish Council**.
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6. Request

Goring Cricket Club requests permission to position and use roll-on cricket covers at Gardiner Recreation Ground. This addition will enhance the quality of community sport, reduce weather-related disruptions and allow us to accept promotion and retain players.

We would be pleased to meet for a discussion or site visit to agree the final placement.

Contact

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Appendix – Images of example covers

Image 1 – Example of 3 x Green roll-on covers

Proposed plain option with single dark green colour and no logo



Image 2 – Illustrative example of a maroon cover with club logo

