

**NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER PART 4 RULE 1
PARAGRAPH 10**


Estover Playing Field

Estover Playing Field, March is currently let on a three year lease by Cambridgeshire County Council to the Estover Playing Field Association.

Because of financial constraints this Council has reduced grant funding to the Association in recent years and the Association is now in a position of needing to rely on personal donations, donations from local businesses and fundraising activities to remain financially viable. In my view this is unacceptable for one of the town's longest surviving and most important recreational assets.

Proposals in the Fenland Core Strategy had cast doubt over the future of the playing field but the removal of the March North East housing allocation from the Strategy provides the opportunity to secure the long term future of the facility by way of a long term lease being granted by Cambridgeshire County Council. A long term lease would allow the leaseholder to apply for grants to improve their facilities

I move that this Council requests Cambridgeshire County Council, upon termination of the current lease, to grant a long term lease on the Estover Playing Field, March at a peppercorn rent to either the Estover Playing Field Association or to March Town Council and that members of Cambridgeshire County Council be lobbied by way of letter to support this decision.


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