

Winterborne St Martin Parish Council

CIL Neighbourhood Portion – Bid Form

(Completed Draft – Applicant: Cllr Hutchings)

1. Applicant Details

Cllr Name:

Cllr Hutchings

2. Project Details

Brief description of project

Replacement of the failing pavilion roof at Martinstown Cricket Club, combined with the installation of solar panels and associated energy-efficiency improvements. The project will make the pavilion watertight, structurally secure, environmentally sustainable, and suitable for wider community use.

What area will the project cover?

The pavilion at Ashton Cricket Ground, Lower Ashton Farm, Winterborne Monkton (DT2 9HA), serving the parish of Winterborne St Martin and surrounding rural communities.

What communities will benefit from the allocation?

- Residents of Winterborne St Martin parish
- Families from the proposed Manor Farm development
- Over 110 junior and senior players
- Girls' cricket teams and women/girls entering the club pathway
- Disabled players (Disability Champion Club)
- Local schools (Winterbourne Valley, Thorners, and others)
- Walkers and visitors using the public-access toilet
- Community groups seeking space for wellbeing activities
- Wider rural communities including Dorchester, Weymouth, and Bridport

How the scheme will support and benefit the development of the local area

a) Provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure

- Replaces a failing roof that is now beyond repair.
- Protects a key community asset used by over 1,500 people annually.
- Ensures the pavilion remains safe, functional, and compliant.
- Supports the club's role as a community hub for sport, schools, disability cricket, and events.

b) Addressing the demands that development places on an area

- New and proposed housing developments will increase demand for youth sport, community space, and accessible facilities.
- The pavilion is the only community building in the immediate area capable of hosting indoor activities.
- Supports increased participation from girls, disabled players, and new families moving into the parish.
- Solar panels reduce long-term running costs, ensuring the facility remains viable as demand grows.

Which of the Council's priorities does this project contribute to?

- ☒ Improve the wellbeing of the people of Winterborne St. Martin
- ☒ Work to become greener and cleaner in our activities as well as supporting our communities and partners to be as green as possible
- ☒ Promote opportunities for economic success of the area
- ☒ Strive for continuous improvement and service development

3. Community Support

How do you know that the community want this?

- The club's Development Plan (2025–2028) identifies the roof replacement as essential.
- The pavilion is used by local schools, Dorset Disability Cricket, Hardy Half Marathon, and community groups.
- Membership continues to grow, including a new girls' team and increased disability participation.
- The public-access toilet is used daily by walkers and visitors.
- The club has already raised £12,000 in 14 days via Crowdfunder, demonstrating strong community backing.

Is this proposal supported by local Ward Councillors?

Other community support

Written letters of support include:

- Winterborne St Martin Parish Council (August 2025)
- Edward Morello MP (July 2025)
- Dorset Cricket Board (June 2025)

These letters confirm the need, community value, and strategic importance of the project.

4. Project Cost (including VAT)

Total project cost

£33,232

Cost breakdown

(From the MCC Reroof & Sustainability Project spreadsheet)

- Roof replacement – materials & labour
- Solar panel installation
- Scaffolding
- Energy-efficiency upgrades
- Contingency
- In-kind labour provided by club volunteers

Total external funding secured

- Club funds – £3,000
- Crowdfunder (live) – £12,000+
- Sport England Movement Fund – £7,500
- Gift Aid – £2,500 (estimated)
- Dorchester Car Boot Fund – £1,000 (decision pending)
- Dorset Council Capital Leverage Grant – application planned

Total CIL funds sought

£2500

5. Delivery Details

If this is a new project, has a PID been agreed?

Not applicable.

Officer contact

The club has engaged with the Parish Council Clerk and councillors during development of the proposal.

Does this link to any existing Council projects?

Yes — aligns with:

- Parish sustainability goals
- Community wellbeing priorities
- Support for inclusive sport and youth development
- Infrastructure improvements linked to local development

6. Additional Information

- The pavilion is a freehold community asset owned by Martinstown Cricket Club.
- The club is a Disability Champion Club and is expanding girls' cricket.
- The project is an invest-to-save scheme, reducing energy costs by ~£1,000 per year.
- A failing roof threatens the viability of the only community building in the area.
- Planning permission secured: P/FUL/2023/06400.
- The club has a strong track record of delivering capital projects (patio, kitchen extension, nets, etc.).