

## **Elford Cricket Club Update for Elford Parish Council Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> May**

Back in February this year we asked the people of Elford to complete a survey to establish what improvements they would like at Elford Sportsfield and Pavilion. We had a great response and the conclusion that we drew from this was that modernising the clubhouse for use as a multi sports and social club venue would be welcomed by the local community and increase usage. Also that the facility needs to be independently run with residents of Elford on the committee to provide fresher ideas with better communication.

We have acted on the results of the survey and of a committee of 7 we welcomed 2 new committee members both residents of Elford and now have 3 people who live in Elford on the committee, Russell Wood, Nick Biden and Paul Jones.

We would welcome anyone from Elford that would be interested in getting involved with the club, whether that is as part of the running of the club by becoming a committee member or by volunteering at the club, helping the groundsman, helping out in the bar or coaching kids cricket.

We held a very successful Sportsmans Lunch with guest speaker Mike Gatting, the purpose of the lunch was to raise money for improvements to the club. A big thank you to Russ, Alex Herrmann and Alistair Brown who were integral in organising this.

We have been successful in being awarded a grant from the ECB to create a 'Welcoming Environment' and also we have been awarded a CIL payment from the Social Club which we will also use to improve the facilities at the club.

With these funds, we will install heating and air conditioning, install wi-fi, buy new outdoor furniture, improve the toilets and improve the appearance of the exterior of the building.

We have also been involved in the Elford Boys FC's successful application to the FA to purchase new ground maintenance equipment. The new machinery will provide both clubs with more reliable machinery to maintain the grounds. Thanks to Mark for his time and patience in putting the application together.

We also continue to play cricket and have had a very successful start to the season for our Saturday IX and continue to have a junior section with U15s, U10's, Kwik Cricket and the ever popular All Stars sessions on Wednesdays.