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## UPCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear members of the Western Area Committee

Upchurch Parish Council would like to apply for a grant from the Swale Area Committee towards replacing the fence around Upchurch Recreation Ground. The Council has received three quotations with a quote of £9,313 being the preferred option.

The Recreation Ground is well-used by residents and community groups as well as a local football team which occasionally uses the pitch. The fencing around the Recreation Ground has deteriorated and is in urgent need of replacing. A good quality fence will ensure that all users, especially those who partake in activities which include the use of balls, are kept safe and that balls will not routinely go into the road causing a hazard for motorists.

The percentage of residents in Upchurch rating their health as 'very good' is less than the national average, the percentage of residents in Upchurch rating their health as 'very bad' is more than the national average, suggesting that the health of the residents of Upchurch is generally worse than in the average person in England.

The Parish Council is currently embarking on a project to install adult gym equipment in the Recreation Ground and the fence will ensure the safety of users. It is hoped that this will encourage greater usage of the playing field and its facilities as well benefitting the physical and mental well-being of residents.

This project will provide a facility which will give residents access to a safe and pleasant area. It will also meet identified local needs, making a leisure and recreation facility readily available to the whole community and improving local amenities. The project will also contribute to healthier and more active people in the Parish.

The Council has already received a grant of £2,000 from County Councillor Mike Whiting Members' Grant Fund towards the project; the Parish Council has £2,658 from its own funds and would like to apply for a grant of a minimum of £4,655 please, however, any more would be greatly appreciated. The Parish Council will publicise the grant through the village magazine which is distributed to every house in the parish.

Yours sincerely

*Wendy Licence*

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