



## GREAT SHELFORD CRICKET CLUB

Dear Member of Great Shelford Cricket Club,

Great Shelford Cricket Club will be holding a meeting on **Sunday 16th September** at **6pm** in the Social Club (upstairs from the Memorial Hall in Great Shelford), where there will be an open discussion regarding the future of the cricket club in 2019 and beyond. The meeting should run no longer than 90 minutes.

As many of you will be aware, the 2018 season has been tumultuous for a variety of reasons. Without going into detail, it has necessitated that the club puts some thought and consideration not only into how things are run, but also how they will operate successfully in the future so that all members enjoy playing cricket for our club. It is important, then, that all members get to weigh in on this decision, and we hope that this meeting will allow you all to do so.

The committee has spent some time putting together a number of options that the club has for the upcoming season with regard to senior cricket (in particular, how we operate our first team); these options are by no means exhaustive, but we have tried to account for the many voices and feelings that we have gathered over the last few months, in the following proposals:

**Option A:** do nothing. The first team will remain in Division 3, and will pursue 'unpaid' avenues in order to compete at this level.

**Option B:** pay for a club coach and an overseas player. The first team will remain in Division 3 and pay a 'coach' and an overseas player to support the first team's cricket, as well as aid the growing youth provision. This will be in addition to sourcing local players.

**Option C:** pay *either* a club coach or an overseas player. The first team will remain in Division 3 with either a 'coach' *or* an overseas player to support the first team's cricket, as well as aid the growing youth provision. This will be in addition to sourcing local players.

**Option D:** apply to CCA to drop down into senior league cricket. The club will appeal to the C&H and CCA leagues in order to have the first team play in one of the senior divisions in 2019. This will be at the leagues' discretion, and is there is neither a guarantee on which division we may play in, or that it will be granted.



**Option E:** collapse the first team. The club will downsize to two senior teams, playing in Junior 3 and Junior 4. There is the option here as well to enter a third team in Junior 5 with the intention of using it to introduce the youth players to senior cricket.

It would be extremely helpful, firstly, if our members could consider these ideas carefully and bring any points of discussion or issues to the meeting on the 16th September. If you are unable to make the meeting, could you please respond (either by email or by phone; details below) with any points for discussion that you would like to be raised at the meeting, or other general queries/issues with the proposals themselves.

I want to personally thank everyone at the club for their patience and dedication this difficult season, and hope to see many of you at the Social Club on Sunday 16th.

Kindest regards,

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