

No Council sale of cricket land to Scholes club

SCHOLES Cricket Club's attempts to buy their ground were hit for six by Holmfirth General Purposes Committee last night.

The Clerk to the Council, Mr. D. H. Nicholson, pointed out that a small portion of land near the field had been given to the Council and was used by the club. "The Council could sell the larger piece of ground to the club if it wanted but would then be left with the smaller part," said Mr. Nicholson.

He added: "Consequently if Scholes Cricket Club goes out of existence and we had sold

them the land, they would be able to resell it and we would be left with a useless little piece of land.

"Village cricket is losing popularity and there is a danger of these clubs going out of existence."

Mr. Nicholson's suggestion that it would be better not to sell was moved by Cllr. E. B. Kaye and accepted by the committee.

The Council will be recommended to ask the local Sports Development Council to find out the financial requirements of all Holmfirth and district's sporting associations. This follows an application by the Holmfirth Parish Church Tennis Club for a grant.