



# MELTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## REPORT ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE HIRING OF THE PLAYING FIELD

### 1. Woodbridge Town Football Club

Although the football club signed a hire agreement (2018-2021) that allowed them to use the pitches at weekends and during set dates only (11<sup>th</sup> August 2019-3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020), it became apparent during the summer months that they were in breach. They were using it on additional days and in months that were outside the agreement. The club had told all their youth groups that they could train at Melton any day/time throughout the year. Attempts to contact the club to discuss altering the agreement have not been successful. The club currently pays £120 a month.

The implications are that not only are they in breach, but they are causing excessive wear and tear to the grass. At some point we may have to close off the pitches to reseed.

### 2. Tennis Court Hire

There is anecdotal evidence that the price rise to £6 an hour is putting people off hiring the tennis courts (comments on Facebook, feedback from garage staff, verbal comments etc). Would the committee consider doing a reduced fee for children/students or block booking reduction eg buy 10 sessions for £50.

Recommendations:

1. What would the committee like us to do regarding WTFC and the pitches?
2. Does the committee want to consider changing the tennis court charges?

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