



MELTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Melton Playing Field

Electricity Supply/Security Barrier

CCTV was installed at the end of July. One camera is positioned on a pole at the corner of the tennis courts looking at the Pavilion and two cameras are positioned by the entrance to the car park with a view of the car park and tennis courts. Having periodically reviewed footage there is no evidence of persistent anti-social behaviour at this time and no further complaints from residents have been received. Damage to the door to the football store on Pavilion was not visible because the door is hidden by the shape of the Pavilion building.

Remedial Work

CGM (Greenspace contractors) have been engaged to carry out some remedial work on the grass this year. The lower field will be sprayed this month (delayed from August due to the inclement weather) and the quadruplay (slitting, brushing and rolling) will take place towards the end of the year. The works will be funded from the greenspace additional works budget.

Melton Road Verge Cutting

Quotes are being sought for clearing away the vegetation along the edge of the pavement running along Melton Road. It is hoped that this will widen the footpath significantly. A full report should be available at Full Council on the 16th September 2020.

Woodbridge Town Football Club

Training has recommenced at the playing fields during the evenings (until it gets too dark) and matches at the weekend. The club has commented on the good condition of the pitches considering the dry weather. The lines were marked out by CGM using GPS and again the club is very happy with the result.

We received a complaint from a resident about cars parking over the pavements during weekend matches. A reminder has been sent to all the team managers asking them to inform their teams and visiting teams to park considerately.

Because the football store cupboard has been forced a couple of times, the maintenance officer has sealed off the door. All the football equipment is currently being stored in the main Pavilion.

At the moment they are not supposed to be using the Pavilion toilets due to Covid-19. However this is an issue, especially on match days, when it results in potentially 40 children having to relieve themselves in the bushes! Councillors are asked to consider if the club should be allowed to use the toilets but what restrictions and cleaning regime should be put in place to facilitate this.

Play Park

The play park reopened in mid-July following the risk assessment, modifications and sign off by Full Council. Signage has been placed throughout the play area reminding users to adhere to social distancing

and to wash hands/use hand sanitiser frequently. Although not everyone is adhering to the guidance the play park reopening was met with a positive response from locals and it is well used. The maintenance officer is ensuring signage stays in place and weekly safety checks are being carried out.

Tennis Courts

Income from the tennis courts for this FY is £2,400 which is £600 above forecast. The tennis coach is still using the courts occasionally and allowing him to use the facilities did not generate any complaints.

Personal Training Sessions

We are aware that some personal trainers/gyms were using the playing field whilst gyms were closed. We received a payment from one company, Suffolk Strength, who have since returned to their own premises. A notice has been put up informing clubs and businesses that they must seek permission from the Parish Council before using the facilities.

Forest School

I have contacted the Forest School at Woodbridge Primary School to enquire if they are continuing with Forest School this term. If they do Risk Assessments and Insurance Certificates will be sought.

Councillors are asked to:

- 1) Note and comment on this report
- 2) Agree if the football club can use the Pavilion toilets and if what restrictions/cleaning regime needs to be put in place



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