



# MELTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Melton Playing Field

### Hedge and Grass Cutting

CGM carried out the remaining hedge cuts in January. Although there was some temporary marking of the grass by the tractor the ground has recovered well.

Grass cutting was not possible in January due to the wet weather and was not required in February as the grass had not grown much.

### Play Park

Covid-related signs are replaced regularly and one piece of equipment is still closed off. The signs and restrictions are likely to be in place until at least the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021.

### Car Park

The resurfacing of the car park and extension of the path to the Pavilion are a separate project. A decision on appointing a contractor was made at Full Council on the 17<sup>th</sup> March. A verbal update will be given at the meeting.

### CCTV

The maintenance officer is carrying out weekly checks of the CCTV to ensure it is working correctly. There have been no further reports of anti-social behaviour at the playing field in recent months. A local resident has kept a record of incidents including some lights, noise and cars (none recorded after 10pm) but none have necessitated a call to the police and they said it has been quiet during this lockdown. CCTV checks show that there are sometimes individuals using the playing field when it is dark but they do not appear to be causing a nuisance.

### WTYFC

The football club would like to use the field in the closed season, like they did last year, as they have lost out on 4 months of training due to the pandemic this season. At the time of writing this report they have not confirmed the details of what they propose but hope to have this before the meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> March.

In addition, the hire agreement is due for renewal as it expires at the end of this season. Consideration will need to be given to the loss of the pavilion whilst the new one is constructed and if any changes are required to the hire agreement once the new pavilion is operational.

### Moles

There is evidence of mole activity on the field. Command Pest Control have set traps but on the last two occasions these traps have gone missing. It is presumed they have been removed by individual/s wishing to protect moles or for their own use. I have enquired with Command if they have any suggestions for preventing the removal of traps but Councillors may wish to consider a change of approach to mole control, and whether it should only be carried out where there is a significant risk to individuals eg the football pitches.

### NHS Thank You Day – 5<sup>th</sup> July

The 5<sup>th</sup> July is Thank You NHS Day. It is anticipated that there will be some events taking place and a request has been made that the playing field can be used during the day which was approved by Full Council on the 17<sup>th</sup> March. In addition, there is a request for a flagpole so that the NHS flag can be flown. It could be used for further events, eg Jubilee, centenaries, fete etc. Indicative costs are around £70-100. There would be additional costs for any flags

required but these and the flagpole could be paid for using CIL. Consideration would need to be given to location, safety and security. It is assumed installation could be done by the maintenance officer.

**Councillors are asked to:**

- Note and comment on this report.
- Decide if the football club can use the field in the closed season and if any amends are required to the hire agreement.
- Decide the location of the flagpole.
- Decide if they wish to continue with the mole control measures that are currently in place.

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Pip Alder  
Asst Clerk and Management Officer  
March 2021