

Committee: Open Spaces

Date: 6 December 2022

Title: Recreation ground drainage report

Purpose of Report

To note a drainage report appertaining to the recreation ground and Tony Rice Building

Recommendation:

Members to note the report on the information provided in respect of the drainage around the Wardens building and Tony Rice Bar and to make any resolutions they may feel appropriate at this time to recommend to Full Council.

Report:

1. The Town Council has a lease arrangement with the Cricket Club in respect of the Tony Rice bar on the recreation ground near to the Wardens Buildings and on the edge of the Ilminster Education Foundation land.
2. There have been regular concerns raised over the condition of the drainage of the recreation ground and earlier this year a potential leak was identified on the land between the bar and Wardens buildings. This leak was investigated by Wessex Water and traced back to an area above the recreation ground on The Mead.
3. As a result of smells emanating from the building the cricket club commissioned a report into the drainage in and around the two buildings. The Drainage Report is contained as **Appendix 11A**.
4. Also appended are two diagrams (**Appendices 11B and 11C**) detailing the current drainage and a solution for some of the issues. There are a series of recommendations that are contained within the report along with an alternative solution for the routing of the pipe work from the Wardens building around the Tony Rice building.
5. Any re-routing of the pipework would require discussions and the agreement of the IEF as this would involve digging a channel on IEF land alongside the footpath that runs from the Tony Rice building.
6. Discussions will need to be had with the cricket club to ascertain how they wish to progress the issues raised since there has been no formal request from the cricket club on this matter. It will also allow officers to look at the lease of the building to establish who is responsible for what aspects.
7. At this stage, no quotations have been requested by the Town Council and we have not been made aware by the cricket club of any that they have received.
8. Officers are awaiting further information from the cricket club on this matter.

9. Members to note the report and to make any resolutions they may feel appropriate at this time to recommend to Full Council.

**Mark Tredwin
Town Clerk
November 2022**