

Committee: Open Spaces

Date: 1 August 2023

Title: Request for amendments to the Ilminster Youth Football Club Licence

Purpose of Report

Members to consider a request for minor amendments to the Ilminster Youth Football Club licence and a change in the pitch layouts on Britten's Field.

Recommendation:

1. Members resolve to agree the amendments to the licence and the revised pitch layouts on Britten's Field.
2. Members resolve to agree to the change in pitch fees for 2023/2024.

Background:

1. The licence for the Ilminster Youth Football Club was discussed at the Open Spaces meeting on 7th February 2023 Minute 22-0072-OS

Members **NOTED** the Minutes from the meeting held on 7th February 2023

22-0072-OS Licences and pitch fees for football and cricket 2023

Members resolve to RECOMMEND to Full Council the pitch fees shown in Option 2 to be incorporated in the Schedule of Charges and in the proposed Licence for each of the relevant cricket and football clubs with the intention to introduce a revised format of charges for 2024/25

2. At the Town Council meeting held on 21st February 2023 Minute 2022-0216-TC:

*A Members resolved by 9 votes for, 1 against and 1 abstention (Cllr Shepherd) the pitch fees shown in Option 2 to be incorporated in the Schedule of Charges and in the proposed Licence for each of the relevant cricket and football clubs with the intention to introduce a revised format of charges for 2024/25
Proposer Cllr Sellers Seconded Cllr Osborne*

Members resolve to RECOMMEND to Full Council to accept the licences with any amendments considered necessary for the relevant cricket and football clubs who use the pitches on the recreation ground and Britten's Field.

*B Members RESOLVED by 9 votes for and 1 abstention (Cllr Shepherd) to accept the licences with any amendments considered necessary for the relevant cricket and football clubs who use the pitches on the recreation ground and Britten's Field.
Proposer Cllr Osborne Seconded Cllr Hamilton*

3. The Vice Chair of Ilminster Youth Football Club had sought legal advice regarding the licence but the response was too late to be considered at that time.

Report:

1. The Vice Chair of Ilminster Youth Football Club has now requested that the proposed amendments to the licence are considered and agreed, and that with the growth of the youth football club, have a desire to change the pitch layouts on Britten’s Field.
2. The proposed amendments on the Ilminster Youth Football Club licence can be found in **Appendix 14A** with the change in pitch layouts at the end of the licence.
3. If Members choose to accept the change in pitch layouts on Britten’s Field, it will change the pitch fees for the 2023/2024 financial year for Ilminster Youth Football Club. The pitch fees for 2024/2025 will be discussed at a later date.
4. The pitch fees for 2023/2024 had been set and agreed at the Town Council meeting on 21st February 2023 Minute 2022-0216-TC below at £844.00, and the proposed change in pitches would change to £778 resulting in a reduction of £66 for the Youth Football Club.

Ilminster Town Youth Football Club	Current fees for 2023/24
Grandstand pitch 100m x 64m	£640.00
3/4 pitch 82m x 50m	£410.00
9v9 pitch 73m x 46m	£335.00
7v7 pitch 55m x 37m	£203.00
5v5 pitch 37m x 27m	£100.00
	Total £1688.00
	50% = £844.00

Ilminster Town Youth Football Club	Proposed pitches 2023/24
Grandstand pitch 100m x 64m	£640.00
3/4 pitch 82m x 50m	£410.00
9v9 pitch 73m x 46m	£0
7v7 pitch 55m x 37m	£203.00 x 2 = £406.00
5v5 pitch 37m x 27m	£100.00
	Total £1,556.00
	50% = £778.00

5. Members may choose to agree the amendments to the licence and the revised pitch layouts.
6. Members may choose to agree to the change in pitch fees for 2023/2024.

Julie Earp
Deputy Town Clerk
July 2023