

Committee: Open Spaces

Date: 1 August 2023

Title: Tennis courts nets and posts

Purpose of Report

Members to consider the purchase of two sets of nets and posts for the front two public tennis courts.

Recommendation:

1. Members resolve to agree the purchase of two sets of nets and posts for the public tennis courts.
2. Members resolve to agree to offering a set of nets and posts to the local schools before disposing of them.

Background:

1. At the Town Council Meeting held on 17th January 2023, Minute No. **2022-0208-TC:**

Iminster Tennis Courts:

Members NOTED the report.

Due to his declaration of interest, Cllr Shepherd did not take part in the discussions and abstained during the vote.

*Members **RESOLVED** by 6 votes for, 5 against 1 abstention to delegate officers to work with the Lawn Tennis Association and South Somerset District Council (SSDC) to resurface the Iminster Tennis Courts using a combination of Government Funding allocated to the LTA and South Somerset District Council. The final contract to be brought to the Council for ratification and signing. To agree setting aside £10,000 per annum for the next five years in the Annual budget for any future tennis court refurbishments and maintenance. Proposer Cllr Taylor Seconded Cllr Hamilton*

2. There is currently **£17,068.00** in Earmarked Reserves for the refurbishment of the tennis courts.

Report:

1. The back two tennis courts are being completely refurbished and part of that refurbishment is the replacement of two sets of nets and posts. However, the front two courts are in relatively good condition and having more of a cosmetic surface makeover. It is these two courts that the Members may wish to take the opportunity to replace the nets and posts to match the new ones on the back two courts.
2. This will give the courts the full appearance of having been refurbished. The finished courts will be coloured green and blue as per the original specification.
3. Officers contacted the company who are supplying the nets and posts for the LTA project in order to be able to purchase the identical nets and posts. The quote is as follows:

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2 sets Socketed tennis posts made from 76mm with 3.2mm wall thickness SQ steel - powder coated GREEN

c/w a British fitted brass winder & handle @ £210.60 + VAT per set

2 x no 2.5mm black matchplay tennis nets @ £92.82 + VAT each

2 x no Centre band & zinc plated swivel @ £18.00 + VAT each

Carriage @ £70.00 + VAT

Total cost: **£712.84 (excl. VAT)**



4. Before disposing of the old nets and posts, Members may consider offering them to local schools who may have a need for them.
5. Members may agree to the purchase of two sets of nets and posts for the public tennis courts.
6. Members resolve to agree to offer a set of nets and posts to the local schools before disposing of them.

Julie Earp
Deputy Town Clerk
July 2023