

Committee: Resources

Date: 1 March 2022

Title: Charges for football and cricket pitches

Purpose of Report

To consider and review the list of fees and charges for the use of football and cricket pitches from 1 April 2022.

Recommendation:

1. Members to recommend the fees and charges for the cricket and football pitches for FY 2022/23 to be put before Full Council on 15 March 2022.
2. Members to recommend to Full Council that Officers be delegated authority to negotiate up to date agreements with all clubs that regularly use Britten's Field and the recreation ground.

Report:

1. The fees and charges for the use of football and cricket pitches have not been reviewed in the last few years. The current fees and charges for 2021/22 are shown in the table below.
2. Officers gathered information from other councils who have pitches to help with reassessing the fee structure. This information was considered by Cllrs Burton and Shearman who have made the suggestions for fees and charges from 1 April 2022 to be increased by 3% and other charges to have 10% added to cover the cost of office administration. These suggested fees and charges can also be found in the table below.
3. It would appear that the Ilminster Youth Football Club has benefitted in the past from a 50% reduction. The reason and rationale for this reduction does not appear in any easily located paperwork and Members may choose to discontinue this discount.
4. It would appear that the senior football club also utilise the training pitches on Britten's Field which are paid for by the youth football club. At this moment in time, there is no formal agreement in place and it is the consideration of Officers that an agreement should be introduced in the future.
5. During the budget setting process in December 2021, Members resolved to increase the precept based upon a 4% inflationary figure. Members may wish to consider increasing fees along the same principle. This may involve rounding the fees upwards or downwards to the nearest £0.50p.

6. Members may recommend these suggested new fees and charges to Town Council or may propose alternative suggestions.
7. Members to recommend to Full Council that Officers be delegated authority to negotiate up to date agreements with all clubs that regularly use Britten's Field and the recreation ground.

Julie Earp
Deputy Town Clerk

		2021/22 Fees	Suggested Fees/charges 2022/23
Ilminster Town Football Club	Hire of the main football pitch on recreation ground	£330.00	£339.90
	Weedkiller for the main pitch on Britten's Field charged to Ilminster Sports Club Ltd	£250.00	Actual cost plus 10% admin fee
Ilminster Youth Football Club	Hire of 1 pitch on recreation ground next to main cricket pitch	£378.68 x 50% = £189.34	£390.04 x 50% = £195.00
	Hire of training pitches on Britten's Field	£330.00 x 50% = £165.00	£339.90 x 50% = £169.95
Ilminster Cricket Club Ltd	Hire of main cricket pitch on recreation ground	£494.54	£509.38
	Hire of Britten's Field pitch	£252.75	£260.33
	Water charges	£300.00	As metered plus 10% admin fee
	Emptying septic tank	£0 (previously £140)	Actual cost plus 10% admin fee
	Insurance for the pavilion	£351.38	Actual cost plus 10% admin fee