

**NETHER WALLOP PARISH COUNCIL**

**Review of the council's football pitch contract and hire rates.**

**Background:**

A discussion has taken place between Cllr Sangster, the pitch marking manager and the Clerk. So far, there is no team that has expressed an interest in using the pitch as their home ground for the coming season. Previous teams are being contacted. There are difficulties for the financial administration of VAT if a team declares our facility as their home ground but does not actually play 10 matches in the season.

**The following is proposed:**

1. That teams are encouraged to sign up for a year, but not asked to pay for all games in advance. This will mean that VAT will be chargeable on every game. This is not expected to deter any teams from using the facility.
2. Pitch Hire costs could be increased to **£42 per game (inclusive of VAT)**.
  - a. Pitch Hire and Cleaning income = £35 + VAT
  - b. Cleaning cost to Council (half hour) = £6.00 (No VAT)
  - c. Net income for Council = £29 per game.
  - d. Cost of pitches (Adult and Junior) marking and maintenance p.a. = £700.
  - e. To breakeven means that 24 games need to be played at £35 + VAT each.
3. Terms and conditions have been [revised](#). The website should state booking is conditional of acceptance of the terms and conditions. See ***draft*** [webpage](#).
4. Booking calendars have been set up so that the public can see when the pitch is booked for. See [Adult](#) and [Junior](#) calendars.
5. Bookings will be made by contacting the Football WhatsApp group. (Cllr Sangster, Pitch manager and Clerk.) Upon receipt of a booking, and invoice will be sent (for internet banking payment) and the calendar will be updated.

**Councillors are asked to consider if the above amendments can be approved.**