

## **RECREATION GROUND REPORT**

On 18<sup>th</sup> April we have the annual Village Users Meeting. This is where I meet with the users of the recreation ground to discuss their upcoming contracts and any issues that they have.

Currently the users of the rec are:

1. Chesterfords Cricket Club (CCC)
2. Chesterfords Football Club (CFC)
3. Walden Wanderers Football Club (WWFC)
4. Great Chesterford Youth Football Club (GCYFC)

### **Chesterfords Cricket Club:**

I have attached the previous year (2012) contract to this email. I think that this contract only needs the following amendments to clause 5:

“In lieu of rent, Chesterfords Cricket Club will regularly mow the recreation ground and maintain (weed, seed and feed) the fenced off area known as the Cricket Square. Any expenditure relating to the maintenance of the gang mowers must be approved by the Parish Council in advance”.

### **Chesterfords Football Club:**

Currently the Football club pay £450 per year to use the pitch which includes maintenance of the pitch. The cost of maintenance has risen slightly by approximately £200 (see attached quote from Ace of Spades who were the only company that responded). My concern is that the community centre has increased its fees already for the users so at hard times to give a group a ‘double whack’ might make them think of moving venues. However in order to cover the increased maintenance costs, I would suggest a £50 increase in the rent making it £500 for the year.

### **Walden Wanderers Football Club:**

Last year’s contract is attached. Cost is 50% of the senior football club which I would keep the same. (Rent would thus increase by £25)

### **Great Chesterford Youth Football Club**

There is currently no contract for GCYFC. I would suggest that we charge them a rent of £125 for the season and that they repair and mark the pitch that they use as the damage they create to the rec appears to be minimal. I have attached an email from Glen Sullivan of GCYFC with some of his concerns

Once we have agreed all of this, I will draw up the contracts and send them out ahead of the Rec Users Meeting.

Furthermore there is the problem of moss on the recreation ground. Ace of Spades have quoted £960 to sort this out. This does seem rather steep, so I have asked Paul Jenkins to see if he can do it cheaper. My plan is then to apply for a grant to assist with this, however this is something that we must build into the budget for future years as it seems to have been forgotten.

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