



WEST BERGHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

Recommendation from MUGA Working Party

1. Introduction

MUGA Working Party is moving forward with ways to improve usage of the facility.

2. Proposals:

Lawn Tennis Association

It is proposed to register the courts with the LTA (Lawn Tennis Association) at an approx. cost of £136 per annum (£68 per court). As a local authority WBPC will receive this discounted cost as opposed to the expected £240. Membership comes with use of their online booking system, ClubSpark, which will hopefully increase publicity, bookings and by default increase activity in West Bergholt.

Risk Assessment

An accompanying Risk Assessment is required by the LTA. This has been drafted and agreed by the WP. It clearly sets out the rules of usage for those hiring the facility and will also be supplied to the insurance company. A few notices will be required around the facility to adhere to following its agreement.

Heathlands School

Talks are ongoing with Heathlands School about use of the facility during the day free of charge, for accompanied pupils.

Variation to Planning Conditions

The Working Party has drafted a variation of the planning conditions (available in the supporting documents) for CCC in order to include sports not previously covered, such as basketball, pickle-ball and non-equipment HIIT, with extended playing hours to allow for more winter usage (and by default floodlight use).

Costs for 2024-25

As per their Terms of Reference the Working Party *will make recommendations to the Parish Council in regard to the annual hire fees, including lighting tokens, for the use of the facilities.* The recommendation for the 2024-25 financial year is set out in the table below, with only an increase in floodlight costs, to move in line with current energy costs:

Hire costs	Hire of one court (1 hour)	Floodlight tokens (30 mins)
Current cost	£ 5.50	£ 1.00
Proposed new cost	£ 5.50	£ 1.50

3. Recommendation to Parish Council

Finance Advisory Committee's recommendation to the Parish Council is for the MUGA Working Party to continue working on all the proposals laid out above.