

REPORT TO BLUNSDON PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Purpose of the Report

To agree the charges per football match and cricket match for 2025/26.

Current Progress/Overview

We currently charge the following:

Per Match

Cricket club £69, Blunsdon FC adults £35.00, Blunsdon FC Colts £15

Per Season for Recreation Ground

Cricket Club £260, Blunsdon FC £174, Blunsdon Colts £289

Key Insights and Findings

The Pavilion expenditure for three quarters of the year is £4750 of which £2411 is for cleaning costs. Income to date is £2201. Therefore, it appears we are heavily subsidising the clubs use of the building. However, it will depend on the council's view as to whether it wants to provide the facilities for locals to use.

Cllr Tayler turned off all the electricity switches on the afternoon of 15/2/25 from which point zero usage of electricity was used until the end of the report 20/02/25 at 23:00hrs. This proves that no-one else is using the supply.

The daily figures show an average of approximately 10 kwh per day apart from a Saturday where the figure triples to 29 kwh per Saturday. To calculate the BFC use, 7 days at 10 kwh is 70 plus 20 kwh for a Saturday extra from BFC, so if we divided the bills by 9 (9 lots of 10 kwh) then multiply by 2 that would give us what BFC are responsible for using.

How big the cleaning bills are is completely down to what state the clubs leave the pavilion in. Therefore, it is fair to say that they should cover the cleaning costs.

I have asked a few questions to other PCs on a clerk group. Two clerks have replied stating Football adults is £60 per match to include showers and kitchen and £45 for juniors.

Highworth charge £1395 per Season for pavilion and changing facilities. (over 8 months this is £174 per month)

Highworth Juniors are charged £1975 for pitches only (over 12 months this is £164.50 per month).

Strategic Recommendations

Blunsdon Football Club – Charge per match should cover average of £35 clean plus electric usage (Annual electric £1786 for year/9*2 = £396 as BFC annual share) – minimum £45 to £60



per match. Example 8 matches in a month @ £45 = £360 per month. A season of 8 months at £360 = £2880.

Blunsdon Colts – they don't use pavilion apart from toilets – minimum £20 to £30

Cricket Club – Stay the same at £69 per match or up by inflation 3.5%

Recreation Grounds charges up by inflation 3.5%

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