

WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Fees for bowls and football – 2021 season Paper for the Council on 3 August 2021

In May the Council agreed a recommendation from the Finance Committee to waive fees for the FY 2020-2021 seasons owing to the various lockdowns and unavailability of facilities. At that time the roadmap out of Covid 19 was still looking uncertain so no decisions were taken on annual fees to apply for the 2021 season.

Since then, the way forward looks if not entirely clear, then more promising in that remaining restrictions were removed earlier this month and the Government is keen to encourage a move back to more normal conditions. This includes removing restrictions on indoor gatherings which pave the way to allow greater use of the sports and bowls pavilion.

Decisions now need to be taken on charging levels for the 2021 season. Although the annual fees for each have not increased since 2017-2018, I recommend that the existing fee levels are frozen for this year too. It has clearly been a challenging time for sports clubs. The recreational and sports opportunities they offer do much to promote both the physical and mental wellbeing to those who participate, and promote community cohesion too.

I recommend therefore that the fees for each will be:

Bowls - £1,709.96 – 5% discount offered for early settlement
Colts juniors - £693.22 – 5% discount for early settlement

As far as adult football is concerned, I recommend that the pitch hire fee of £55 per match is maintained.

Clerk
29 July 2021