

Tennis Court resurfacing and funding

Item 9.1, 15th November 2023

Council to consider the proposal below.

The parish council owned tennis courts need resurfacing, this was last done approximately 12 years ago. Due to Covid and staff changes this work has been delayed and needs to be done as soon as possible. The council holds a joint tennis club reserve of £20,029 which is for this work.

The clerk met with the tennis club and examined the courts and can confirm there is moss growth, some root damage and deterioration of the court.

The tennis club has found a contractor who has come highly recommended and who has provided a quote . The previous contractor is no longer in business and the tennis club are happy to use the recommended contractor.

The tennis club are keen to get this work done in November as court work is generally suspended over Dec/Jan/Feb due to frost and heavy rain impacting the newly laid surfaces.

There is a total of £20,029 in the joint fund. The total resurfacing work will cost £29,500 so the tennis club is asking whether the parish council will fund an extra £4985.50 towards this. The tennis club will match the amount, and this will enable both courts to be done this year. The clerk has asked whether CIL can be used which it can or alternatively the parish council could use some of the playpark reserve to fund this resurfacing work.

In terms of longer-term planning, the tennis club propose that the annual maintenance levy is increased to £2,000 annually, matched by KPC, though the club would expect its upfront £5,250 to be netted off from this. If agreed, it would mean that in 10 years' time, there would be a total of £34,750 in the fund for the next scheduled resurfacing at that time.