

Dent with Cowgill Parish Council Sub-Committee Authority Request

Playing Field Committee

Date - 13 June 2023

Purpose of Report

To recommend to full council that monies are set aside each year from the precept, as a maintenance budget for the playing field.

Recommendation

To set aside between £500-£1000 per year from the precept

Context

The Playing Field committee is the main asset owned by the Parish Council. The PC was able to purchase this asset with money from Dent FC and Dent Cricket Club.

Alignment to Dent Parish Council Objectives

This recommendation aligns with objective 2 – Promoting Tourism and the Dale

This recommendation aligns with objective 3 - Improve Health and Wellbeing and the Environment of the Dale.

Background

As the main asset of the PC it is important that we maintain this asset to a high standard. The Playing Field committee has made several improvements in recent years, including a new fence along the river boundary. As well as renewing the walling on two other boundaries. As well as significant improvement to the playing surface, through sanding, seeding and vert draining.

This has been possible by using the money gifted to the PC from the Dentdale Show Committee, which was ringfenced for the playing field.

There are 2 areas of the playing field that still need attention. The boundary wall running behind the dugouts. This is in poor condition and presents a health and safety concern. It is also thought that the hedge needs laying behind where the pavilion once stood.

Financial Implications

Between £500-£1000 a year

Options Considered

1. Do nothing – The wall will continue to deteriorate.
2. Add £500-1000 to the precept budget each year

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