

PARKS REPORT
RLA – 1 FEBRUARY 2018

- **Swanscombe Park:**

The floors and walls of the bowls toilet block have been completely painted.

The damaged piece of play equipment is scheduled to be replaced w/c 12 February 2018 (insurance)

Play equipment, highlighted in the previous Annual Inspection Report, will be being painted over the next few weeks.

- **Manor Park:**

As reported to the previous meeting a contractor has completed the recommended works on the row of trees bordering the houses (left hand side as you look at the park from Swanscombe Street).

Play equipment, highlighted in the previous Annual Inspection Report, will be being painted over the next few weeks.

- **Broomfield:**

The large double garage doors have been replaced and include new securing latches for when the doors are both open and closed which should prolong the life of the doors by reducing the chances of the doors being damaged by the weather or "inquisitive" youths

Play equipment, highlighted in the previous Annual Inspection Report, has been painted.

The access way (Broomfield Road) running alongside the park has been thoroughly cut-back and cleared by the parks staff.

- **Knockhall:**

After previous issues with a leaking roof the Parks Staff have installed a slanted roof over the referees changing rooms which has resolved the issue and should prolong the lifespan of the facility.

Further to minute 324/17-18 the fencing around the changing rooms was scheduled to be undertaken w/c 22 January 2018 but due to supplier issues the contractor has re-arranged this for w/c 12 February 2018.

Play equipment, highlighted in the previous Annual Inspection Report, will be being painted over the next few weeks.

- **Heritage Park:**

The damaged large piece of play equipment was replaced in December 2017 (insurance claim).

The problem/damage by off-road motor bikes within the park is still ongoing. Parks staff are "patrolling" the area as much as is practical and incidents are being reported to the Police but it is difficult to know what other action/s can be taken without serious resource implications.

- **Saxon Court:**

As reported to the previous meeting a contractor has completed the recommended tree works within the play area.

Play equipment, highlighted in the previous Annual Inspection Report, will be being painted over the next few weeks.

- **Valley View:**

As reported to the previous meeting a contractor has looked at the trees in this area and a planning application (TPO) has been submitted to the Planning Authority for the works (minor) to be undertaken.

Play equipment, highlighted in the previous Annual Inspection Report, will be being painted over the next few weeks.

- **Grove Hall:**

The Parks Staff have made, painted, and installed covers over the windows at the front of the Grove Hall and the Town Council are scheduled to work with the KCC Community Warden and Dartford Science & Technology College on their Community Day (18 July 2018) to have the front wall/s re-painted which will improve the aesthetics of the building/road.

- **Staff**

Employee 63 has successfully completed their formal chemical/pesticide training (PA6a) which has increased the number (2 of the 3) of parks staff that are now qualified/able to undertake this part of the role which, in turn, should result in a visible improvement as more work will be able to be undertaken/completed.

Since the previous meeting there have been 10.5 days annual leave, 1 day sick leave, 3 days study/training leave within the parks department and 3 Bank Holidays.

Recommended:

To note.

100. REQUEST TO USE TOWN COUNCILS PARKS.

Members noted the requests that had been submitted to the Council and:

- endorsed the Town Clerk's actions in dealing with these requests
- agreed that the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman of the Recreation, Leisure & Amenities Committee, should be delegated to consider and decide future requests.

Recommended:

That the Town Clerk's actions in dealing with these requests be endorsed and that the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman of the Recreation, Leisure & Amenities Committee, be delegated to consider and decide future requests.

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Recreation Facility Charges 2018-19



AGENDA ITEM
PLA 1/2/18 **7.2**

Football



Per season	- £760.00
Per season mini-pitch	- £380.00
Per game (occasional use)	- £86.00

Cricket



Per season	- £970.00
Per game	- £103.00

Bowls



Occasional	- £4.60*
Hire of Woods	- £4.60*

Allotments



Per 10 rod (inc water)	- £33.00
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Heritage Community Hall



<u>Meetings</u>	
Per hour (regular)	- £20.00
Per hour (casual)	- £21.00
<u>Social Events</u>	
Per hour	- £31.00
FOSHP	- £14.00

Church Road Hall



<u>Meetings</u>	
Per hour (regular)	- £16.00
Per hour (casual)	- £17.00
<u>Social Events</u>	
Per hour	- £27.00
Cygnets	- £11.50

Town Council Community Hall




<u>Meetings</u>	
Per hour (regular)	- £20.00
Per hour (casual)	- £21.00
<u>Social Events</u>	
Per hour	- £31.00
Cygnets	- £14.00


Hire of Parks



Local Organisation	- £81.00
Per Day – Commercial use	- £167.00
Per week (7 days)	- £974.00

Community Café Confidential Room



Old Fire Station Café	
	
Per hour (regular)	- £11.00
Per hour (casual)	- £11.50

Commercial/profit making bookings for halls are charged at double rates for casual bookings.

*Concession – 50% reduction for unemployed, senior citizens (over 60 years) and persons in full-time education
Where applicable, VAT has been included (VAT No. 204 4827 82)

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ACTIVITY SCALE OF CHARGES 2018

	2014	2015	2016	Current 2017	Proposed 2018	Increase	
	£	£				£	%
Non Membership							
Junior/60+	1.20	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	0.00	0.00%
Adult	1.70	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.95	0.05	2.63%
Sports Hall							
Badminton							
Junior/60+	6.00	6.50	6.60	6.70	6.70	0.00	0.00%
Adult	7.30	8.00	8.20	8.30	8.50	0.20	2.41%
Table Tennis							
Junior/60+	3.50	4.00	4.20	4.70	4.80	0.10	2.13%
Adult	4.70	5.00	5.20	6.70	6.90	0.20	2.99%
5-a-side Soccer etc	37.50	37.50	37.50	40.00	42.50	2.50	6.25%
Health and Fitness							
Induction - Adult/60+	22.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	0.00	0.00%
Induction - Junior	12.00	13.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	0.00	0.00%
Junior/60+ Gym (casual use)	4.80	5.00	5.50	5.60	5.60	0.00	0.00%
Adult Gym (casual use)	6.20	6.50	7.00	7.10	7.20	0.10	1.41%
Aerobic Classes	6.00	6.50	7.00	7.10	7.20	0.10	1.41%
Monthly Direct Debit							
Single	40.95	41.95	43.25	43.95	43.95	0.00	0.00%
Joint (deleted but honouring existing)	72.95	75.95	80.00	82.00	82.00	0.00	0.00%
Saver (Concessionary)	29.95	29.95	17.95	18.50	18.50	0.00	0.00%
Saver+ (50+) delete but honour existing	33.95	34.95	37.00	37.95	38.50	0.55	1.45%
Saver+ (60+) new category		34.95	35.00	35.95	35.95	0.00	0.00%
Teen (16 - 17 yrs)	22.95	22.95	22.95	23.25	23.25	0.00	0.00%
Fit Kid (12 - 15 yrs)	17.95	17.95	17.95	18.25	18.25	0.00	0.00%
Corporate	35.95	35.95	39.00	39.50	39.50	0.00	0.00%
Student	32.95	32.95	32.95	33.25	33.25	0.00	0.00%
Phase 4 Scheme/Medical	30.95	30.95	31.50	31.95	31.95	0.00	0.00%
12 Month Contract - Single		38.50	39.00	39.75	39.75	0.00	0.00%
12 Month Contract - 60+		32.00	32.00	32.50	32.50	0.00	0.00%
Coaching							
50+ Clubs/Ladies Only	3.00	3.50	3.50	3.60	3.65	0.05	1.39%
Tumble Tots	2.60	3.00	3.10	3.20	3.25	0.05	1.56%
Dry Coaching Sessions	3.90	4.30	4.50	4.50	4.55	0.05	1.11%
Acorn Club	19.00	20.00	21.00	21.50	22.50	1.00	4.65%
Half Day Acorn Club	9.50	10.00	10.50	10.75	11.25	0.50	4.65%
Saturday Bizz Kids	5.20	5.20	5.50	5.50	5.70	0.20	3.64%
Creche	1.80	2.20	2.50	2.60	2.60	0.00	0.00%
Smarty Party	10.00	10.00	11.00	11.00	11.50	0.50	4.55%
Centre Membership							
Adult	40.00	40.00	45.00	47.50	48.00	0.50	1.05%
Junior	25.00	25.00	27.50	30.00	32.00	2.00	6.67%
60+	25.00	25.00	27.50	30.00	32.00	2.00	6.67%

Family - 2 adults and up to 2 children	46.00	50.00	60.00	75.00	79.00	4.00	5.33%
Additional Child			15.00	15.00	15.00	0.00	0.00%
Local Residents - Adult	14.00	15.00	16.00	17.00	18.00	1.00	5.88%
Local Residents - Junior/60+	10.00	11.00	12.00	13.00	14.00	1.00	7.69%
Social Functions							
Main Hall (per hr)	65.00	65.00	70.00	70.00	75.00	5.00	7.14%
Disability/Concessionary (Low Income)							
Gym	4.80	4.70	4.70	4.90	5.00	0.10	2.04%
Aerobic	4.70	4.70	4.70	4.90	5.00	0.10	2.04%
Badminton	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.20	6.30	0.10	1.61%
Table Tennis	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.70	3.80	0.10	2.70%

* KB 04/12/17.