



# BISHOPSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL

## NOTES ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE Site visit to The MUGA at The Lawns 15:00 on Thursday 9 January 2025

**Attendance:** **Members:** Cllrs. Gateshill, Grimble, Head, Merritt & Robbins (5/6)  
**Others:** Cllr. D. Dixon. & Clerk: Mrs. K. Ford.  
**Apologies:** Cllr. Gill (1/6)

Member met to consider the current condition of the MUGA and if improvements could be made to improve this and usage. The clerk explained current users, previous users, and how bookings are arranged; currently there is no easy booking system, all arrangements and payments and transfer of keys is handled by the clerk. The income from the MUGA is currently not enough to pay for its upkeep so it is supported by the precept.

There is a reserve heading for MUGA improvements. All income is paid into this budget heading, and it is used for all related expenses such as key cutting, repairs of vandalism, line marking, etc.

All members agreed that it is good to have the facility in the parish and that it was ideal this be free of charge to all parishioners but that group hiring for team sports/training should continue to be charge. It was not considered good practice to leave the MUGA to deteriorate into disrepair despite the fact improvements may be costly.

Following assessment and discussion it was agreed for the clerk to seek quotes to cover works to bring it into a fair condition, in time for increased usage in the spring/summer. Once conditions are improved better promotion can be organised.

Improvements works to include:

- Removal of leaf litter, weeds and other debris from inside the court.
- Cut back invasive weeds from the perimeter of the court, inside and outside the court.
- Removal of moss from the court surface but not to be carried out using jetwash (damages surface) or chemical weed killers (ecological emergency declaration). Looking for alternative methods to be suggested by contractors.
- Check all wooden boards, repair/replace where appropriate.

Clerk to request quotes, meeting contractors if required. To be considered in a future AMC meeting, once available.

Kim Ford  
Clerk to the Council