

Hodge House Playing Fields, Nelson

In terms of grounds maintenance, it costs us **£8,759.93** to maintain the playing field on an annual basis.

Please note - the work schedule is fairly old and as such may not be wholly representative of the maintenance that goes on at the Playing Field at present.

In addition, we have the following R&M revenue budgets for Hodge House (these are the base budgets for 2015/16):

Playing Fields - **£500** (includes Grounds R&M)

Play Facilities - **£1,293** (includes R&M/Vandalism, Grounds Maintenance, litter picking and inspections)

Total cost (Grounds Maintenance + Revenue budgets) = **£10,552.93**

There are other implications/issues that Nelson Town Council will need to be aware of in terms of managing/maintaining the site if the land is transferred in to their ownership. These are:

- Management and maintenance of Play Area.
- The Community building and associated area comes under Housing Pendle ownership – please see attached plan detailing the land in question.
- Pendle Phoenix RUFC uses Hodge House as their home base although first team matches for the 2015/16 season were played on Swinden. This was due to the fact that league rules stipulate that changing rooms must be adjacent to the pitch (which was not available at Hodge House). They also have one container located on PBC land near to the Community Centre. The Club still use the field for training purposes and for junior games.
- The Beacon Centre and Hodge House Residents Association both have one container located on PBC land near to the Community Centre. These are used to store equipment in.
- Organisation of Sports pitches for weekly fixtures – marking, grass cutting, liaising with teams, invoicing, etc.
- Pitch allocations prior to the start of a new season – again liaising with Pendle Phoenix to see what pitches they want for the forthcoming season.
- Dealing with other organisations that want to use the Recreation Ground for one off events/activities, e.g. Hodge House Residents Association Fun Day, Pendle Phoenix Fun Run, etc.
- Dealing with general issues and complaints relating to the Recreation Ground, e.g. vandalism, organising contractors to do work, etc.
- Public Space Protection Order's (PSPO's) to uphold – ensuring the Recreation Ground is used appropriately and in line with the PSPO (which is scheduled to come in to operation by the end of March 2017 and will include most things previously in the Bye-Laws plus dog control, fouling, etc.)