

Edge End Playing Fields, Nelson

In terms of grounds maintenance, it costs us **£15,657.60** to maintain the playing field on an annual basis.

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

Playing Fields - **£24,270** (includes Grounds and Buildings R&M/Vandalism, Gas, Water/Sewerage & Electricity)

Total cost (Grounds Maintenance + Revenue budgets) = **£39,927.60**

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:

- St Paul's Primary School – the school is located within the Edge End site although this is defined via a land agreement with PBC. The top field (which includes a 9-a-side Football pitch) and the Sports Pavilion's car park are used by the St Paul's during School hours but are under the ownership of PBC. An agreement is also in place regarding the opening/locking up of the main entrance off Hibson Road.
- Edge End Senior Citizen Snooker Club use the community room within the pavilion throughout the year. The informal agreement is for the use of the community room, kitchen and associated store room and public toilets. They pay a small annual fee to the Council for their use.
- Organisation of Sports pitches for weekly Football & Cricket fixtures – marking, grass cutting, liaising with teams, invoicing, etc.
- Pitch allocations prior to the start of a new season – again liaising with clubs/leagues to see what pitches they want for the forthcoming season, e.g. for the 2015/16 season we have had 7-a-side, 9-a-side and 11-a-side pitches/matches at Edge End.
- Organisation of Attendants to cover organised Football games including key distribution.
- 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.)
- Utility issues such as meter readings, legionella checks and general health & safety checks of the building including weekly maintenance checks on the new defibrillator. This is done through a combination of Neighbourhood Services staff and Property Services.