

AGM GROUND REPORT

Overall costs were slightly below budget as we spent £18,483.78 against a forecast of £20,800.

Fertiliser costs were below budget as an application scheduled for June will now be applied in July.

Machinery repair costs exceeded budget mainly due to a larger than anticipated cost for the tractor service.

With finances tight we reluctantly cut back on overseeding. It remains to be seen what effect this will have.

During the season the club invested £4,000 and with a £12,000 grant from the Football Foundation we were able to purchase a Quadraplay machine, deep slitter and new white line marker.

These machines increase the amount of maintenance we are able to do ourselves and will save us £2000 a year in contractor costs.

For the season ahead the budget request has increased significantly to £26,640 as we now know that it is necessary to apply sand to Brown Moor to maintain the performance of the drainage system.

Current funds do not allow us to apply the recommended amount of 220 tonnes however the committee have approved that we spread 120 tonnes at a cost of £6,840. The work will be done shortly.

I have increased the budget request for machinery maintenance as our two new machines will require servicing and the inevitable repairs.

The overseeding budget has been left at the same level as the previous season as the expectation is that this years reduced level will result in greater wear and tear on the pitches..

We carry forward £3,720 in unspent grant money and will receive further Football Foundation grants of £7,500 during season 24/25. These will pay for the majority of the overseeding, fertiliser and weed killer costs in addition to partially funding the sand application.

This will still leave the club having to fund a substantial amount should the budget be approved.

With support from the East Riding Council the PFA have successfully arranged for the public right of way on Brown Moor to be rerouted around the perimeter of the field. I have applied for a Football Foundation fencing grant which if successful will enable us to fence off the field and remove public access. It is hoped that we will be able to do this prior to the new season.

For the season ahead it is the view of the ground team that we have no need to use Low Catton Road. Drainage issues restricted our use of the field last season however we retained the task of maintaining it. Our best estimate is that over the course of the year it accounts for around 40 hours of Rhys's time. With our new Quadraplay machine this time can be utilised to much better effect on Brown Moor and Reckondales.

We plan to mark out the same number of pitches for the new season which will be as follows,

Brown Moor

1 x Full Size

1 x 3/4

2 x 7 v 7

Reckondales

1 x Full Size

1 x 3/4

1 x 7 v 7

1 x 5 v 5

Reckondales will be available for use from the beginning of August however Brown Moor will not reopen until the start of the season.

With the new Tennis and Netball courts now located on Reckondales we all need to be aware that we no longer have exclusive use of the field. Please be respectful to our neighbours and spread the word that balls are not to be kicked against the fence and boots are not to be worn if it's necessary to enter the courts.