

Jubilee Pavilion Outside Water Tap

1.0 Background and Introduction

The outside tap has historically been provided as a boot washing facility for hirers of the pitches. However, it appears users of the Recreation Ground have been able to gain access to the water supply for some time.

On 11 July the Business Administrator received a report that the lockable cover over the outside tap had been vandalised to allow access to the water (photo a). Children had been seen using the tap and a concern was raised that a loss of metered water could occur should the tap be left on.

On 27 July the Caretaker fitted a new padlocked cover to secure the tap. Following installation of the new tap cover, several complaints were received from dog walkers who couldn't access the water for their dogs. By 3 August, the new tap cover was vandalised so it could be removed (photo b). This was reported to the Neighbourhood Policing Team and arrangements made to install an internal isolating valve while a permanent solution is sought from the Facilities and Events Committee.



(Photo a – first vandalised tap cover)



(Photo b – second vandalised tap cover)

2.0 Options

Option 1

Leave the tap accessible to football pitch hirers only. Note: the water supply to the tap will need to be switched on from inside the Pavilion.

No cost other than metered water used.

Option 2

Permanently turn off the water supply to the tap, restricting its use to Grounds Team only.

No cost.

Option 3

Relocate the tap to the rear of the pavilion allowing only authorised access by hirers of the pitches and pavilion and the Parish Council Grounds Team.
£350 – 400 approx.

Option 4

To provide water for dogs and allow Recreation Ground users access to water by installing a push button tap which only dispenses water when the button is pressed. This would prevent a loss of metered water as the tap cannot be left on. The tap specified is fully weatherproof and doesn't need turning off over the winter months.

Note: a risk assessment will need to be completed when providing this facility.

Supply Outdoor Wall Tap £2,145 (including delivery)

Installation £250 – 300 approx.



3.0 Summary and recommendations

Councillors are requested to consider the issues highlighted within this report and the ongoing and proposed actions and highlight any additional actions to be taken or adjustments to actions that they would like to see made.

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