



Prestbury Parish Council: MUGA maintenance

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1. Background:

- As part of the Playing Fields Project, Prestbury Parish Council have invested in the development of a Multi User Games Area (MUGA), choosing to install a high quality, relatively low maintenance playing surface - Matchwinner
- This surface [still] requires a schedule of maintenance to be agreed and then executed and it was originally thought this would form part of the Groundsman's key priorities, especially given the importance of the MUGA from a community and Parish Council perspective.
- As the use of the MUGA is expected to increase (*) it is all the more important that this schedule of maintenance be implemented and is sustainable.

() 236 hours - @£6,500 income - now booked between September 2020 and March 2021 as of 5th October 2020*

- Prestbury Parish Council now needs to decide which option for maintaining the MUGA provides the best overall value and then to agree and oversee next steps. There may be other options but the three shown in 3. below are the most obvious in the context of our requirements and resources. This is on the agenda for the October 2020 PPC meeting under item 20/82.

2. What does the recommended maintenance schedule look like?

This is summarised in Appendix 1 below. Given the proximity of the MUGA, we are advised that we do not need to follow all of the processes outlined. We have already purchased a drag brush and seed spreader for basic cleaning (as initially advised by Caloo, our contractor).. We do not, however, have power cleaning capability.

3. Options available for MUGA maintenance

Option 1: the Groundsman carries out the required maintenance work on a daily, weekly (1 hour estimated effort) and monthly (2 hours estimated effort) basis without investment in any new equipment. An annual service by an expert contractor would be required at an estimated cost of £600+VAT. This would provide the level of maintenance recommended by our contractor Caloo and the installer of the Matchwinner surface, Bradley Surfacing Systems.

Option 2: we purchase a power cleaner to allow the Groundsman to maintain the MUGA as outlined in Option 1 (excluding the annual service) and also for him to complete the annual service in accordance with the schedule shown in Appendix 1. This piece of equipment is estimated to cost @£1,000 (including VAT) and could be financed by the contingency funds still held as part of S106. This option requires the Groundsman to comply not only with Health and Safety requirements but also with proper use of this equipment.

Option 3: we outsource the majority of MUGA maintenance activity. Cost and supplier TBD. There will still be a role that the Groundsman needs to play which could range from 'Daily' activities as outlined in Appendix 1. to both 'Daily' and 'Weekly' activities which would potentially minimise the cost of outsourcing. This option clearly commits PPC to an ongoing 3rd party cost commitment.

4. Other considerations:

It is imperative that a schedule for (ALL) the Groundsman's activities be created; this will provide assurance with regard to (specifically) MUGA maintenance activity taking place, whichever option is chosen. If option 2. Is chosen then there is a Health and Safety perspective to consider which makes it all the more important for a Groundsman activity schedule to be in place.

5. Recommendation:

The recommendation is OPTION 1, subject to the Groundsman having the training and capability to complete all the required tasks. In terms of time commitment, this needs to be clearly scheduled in the Groundsman's overall daily, weekly, monthly and annual activities as highlighted in 4. above.

Appendix 1: Maintenance schedule for the 'Matchwinner' surface



Caring for your facility

Matchwinner

Regular maintenance of your synthetic grass facility will optimise playing performance, maximise the life expectancy of the surface and increase revenue.

The following information is for guidance purposes only and should be read in conjunction with any specific maintenance documents issued. Not all processes will be applicable to all facilities.

GENERAL MAINTENANCE GUIDE:

Daily (after a day's play)

- General inspection of the pitch including seams
- Litter picking
- Leaf / flora collection

Weekly

- General inspection to include seams and general pitch condition
- Drag brushing / drag matting

Monthly

- Specialist power sweeping
- Specialist decompaction service

Annually

- Annual report
- Summer deep clean

As Required

- Moss & weed treatments
- Infill top-ups
- Line marking
- Surface rejuvenation
- Repairs / remedial work

GENERAL MAINTENANCE

Litter / Flora Collection

Fallen leaves and litter should be removed from your synthetic pitch on a regular basis as they can quickly breakdown, contaminating the infill. Litter and flora collection should be carried out on (at least) a weekly basis.

Drag Brushing / Matting

Drag brushing or drag matting is an essential part of your synthetic pitch maintenance programme. The infill will naturally disperse towards the edge of the pitch away from the high traffic areas. As the infill acts as the wearing course, it is essential that it is returned to the high use areas in order to help prolong the life of the surface. The process is carried out by attaching a drag brush or drag mat to the rear of your grounds maintenance vehicle. This should ideally be carried out on a weekly basis, as per the Industry standard.