



Saxilby with Ingleby Parish Council

Non-confidential

Installation of an internal water meter for external water supply on the St Andrews Community Centre

Report to: Full Council 25-06

Report by: Clerk

Power/duty which decision falls under: Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19: Power to provide recreational facilities including playing fields, and to maintain and manage them, which can reasonably extend to infrastructure supporting those facilities (e.g., water supply).

Which council objective(s) it falls under:

- Maintain and improve community facilities and amenities
- Protect and enhance our green spaces and street scene
- Improve the well-being of residents

Public Sector Equality Duty

Consider how policies/decisions affect those protected under the Equality Act)

Under the Equality Act 2010, the Parish Council must consider how decisions affect people with protected characteristics. This proposal has no adverse impact and is neutral in regard to equality—it supports continued recreational activity for the wider community, which includes diverse users.

Duty to conserve and enhance biodiversity

Consider how the policy/decision will contribute to conserving or enhancing biodiversity

The proposal contributes positively to biodiversity by supporting healthy turf regeneration, which encourages soil health, organic growth, and green open space maintenance.

Consideration on carbon reduction:

Although the installation of a water meter has a minimal direct impact on carbon emissions, supporting local pitch maintenance reduces the need for larger-scale turf replacement or heavy transport of materials, indirectly contributing to sustainability.

Consideration of risk management in relation to the proposal¹

It is impossible to list every risk faced by a local council. Risk, in the general sense, means the likelihood of an event happening, and the severity of the negative consequences. The insurance industry regards risk as representing loss or damage. Risk always involves uncertainty. When protecting a local council effectively, it is important to consider if risk is present in the following areas (SLCC AN241)[Tick]

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| ✓Decision making | ✓Legal |
| ✓Finances | ✓Inspections |
| ✓Property | ✓Written/verbal |
| ✓Staff | communication |
| Events | ✓Insurance |

Does the report consider any new activity? If 'Yes', has a risk assessment, including risk management proposals, been included for consideration and adoption by the council?

(Financial Regulation 17b)

No - other internal meters used for re-charging water use to other organisations on SPRG

Risk Rating: Low (if properly monitored)

Mitigation: Ensure meter installation by a qualified contractor, documented readings, and clear invoicing process.

Has a risk assessment been included?

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

(Recommendation: Risk assessment to be completed following council approval and prior to implementation.)

Financial Implications

- **Meter Installation Cost:** Minimal cost, expected to be under £200, with charity to be re-charged for installation cost.
- **Ongoing Cost:** Minor administrative burden for readings and invoicing.
- **Recharge Method:** Based on actual meter readings, billed to SPRGC on an annual basis.

¹Risk areas to consider - strategic/operational, likelihood/impact, add to risk register? Any contingency planning needed?

REPORT

Purpose

To seek approval for the installation of an internal water meter on the external field supply to enable accurate measurement and recharging of water use by the Saxilby Public Recreation Ground Charity (SPRGC), particularly to support seasonal sports pitch maintenance.

Background

At present, the external field water supply lacks internal metering, making it impossible to determine precise usage levels linked to specific activities on the recreation ground. Each summer, sports teams affiliated with SPRGC undertake maintenance and regeneration work on heavily used pitch areas, such as goal mouths. This includes reseeding and watering, which requires a significant and targeted water supply.

Proposal

- Install an internal water meter on the external field supply.
- Recharge the SPRGC based on metered usage, enabling transparent and fair cost distribution.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Full Council notes the report and

1. Approves the installation of an internal water meter on the external field supply.
2. Agrees to recharge the Saxilby Public Recreation Ground Charity for installation cost and for water usage annually based on meter readings.