



## Briefing Note – Sandham Grounds CCTV

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**Prepared by** Town Clerk

### 1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. Summer 2024 saw an increase in Anti-Social Behaviour in the parks at Sandham Grounds. This included fires and graffiti as well as broken glass.
- 1.2. Council agreed to install CCTV to help address this.
- 1.3. Due to the location and nature of the parks (there are no buildings), the Bowls Club was approached and agreed to host the recorder for the parks cameras.
- 1.4. It was expected that the Town Council would be asked to reimburse the Club for the electricity and the use of their broadband.

### 2. PROPOSAL

- 2.1. The Chairman of the Club has proposed that rather than this be rebilled, the Town Council install two additional cameras on the parks system within the Bowls Club Grounds to protect the Club.
- 2.2. This will be more cost effective for the Club than installing a new system and builds capacity for downloading footage should the need arise.
- 2.3. The Club is aware they may need to part fund the cameras/installation.
- 2.4. It is expected that the cost of purchasing and installing two cameras would in in the region of £2,000.

### 3. CCTV RUNNING COSTS

- 3.1. The Council has one Camera, one network device and two transceivers at the Bowls Club.
- 3.2. Based on an average of 12 hours of daylight<sup>1</sup>, the Town Council camera, recorder and two transceivers, consume 143kwh of energy a year<sup>2</sup>.
- 3.3. Using the July 2025 Price Cap rate of 0.26 per kwh this is £322.31 per year.
- 3.4. The annual standing charge would be £187.50 per year (based on £0.51 a day)<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [Average hours of daylight in Britain through out the year.](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Videcom Security: Camera Power Consumption](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Electricity Cost Calculator - How much do your appliances, heaters cost to run?](#)

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1. An arrangement on this basis for a period of three years would generate a saving of approximately £400 based on current costs. This does not take into account increased energy costs and inflation.
- 4.2. The monies can be vired from the CCTV service and maintenance budget.

#### **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1. There are no equality and diversity implications to the decision.
- 5.2. The installation of additional cameras and partnership with the bowling club will help address antisocial behaviour and criminal damage at the Grounds.
- 5.3. There are not biodiversity implications to the decision.

#### **6. RECOMMENDATION**

- (i) To agree to fund and support the running of two additional cameras to extend coverage to include the Bowls Club in exchange for three years free use of the Clubs power supply and broadband.
- (ii) To explore grant funding for some or all of the costs to offset the unbudgeted expenditure.