

Morning John,

Firstly thanks for your time when I visited the office.

As discussed, this seasons VAT inclusion and ongoing VAT inclusion is certainly a big problem for us. Whilst we now know and understand the ongoing reasons why we must now pay VAT, having these costs put on us during this season, without us being able to plan for these costs has caused us to have to consider the Clubs financial position.

With 4 senior teams now playing, 3 Men's including a re-formed 3rd team to promote youth into the senior game & 1 ladies team, this season sees us play 38 scheduled home matches, with VAT, we have had to find an additional unplanned pot of £478.80.

In summary, with the shortfall we now have to find this season, we are now considering as a committee whether we can financially fund the teams we do next season, especially the new 3rd team, which has been one of most successful things we've done as a Club to promote the youth (mainly 16/17 year old playing the senior game).

Please can the greenspace committee consider some action to look at reducing the shortfall we have for this season, i'm not sure how this would work but essentially maybe applying some credit to our account would go a long way in us being able to have some breathing space and plan to fundraise to find additional funds. We can of course plan for next season, knowing the new costs, which when you add in cost of VAT, a referee, it's over £100 a game before we even kick a ball, but at least we can plan ahead for these costs.

I would also like to provide greenspace committee some information on what other local clubs are paying and what they are also getting for their money, as i believe, more can be done to support the costs we are paying, I'm just waiting to finalise a couple of clubs information.

Kind regards,

Antony.

Antony Nash
Dursley Town AFC Club Chairman

Dursley Town Council

Climate Change and Environmental issues mission statement

Background

Climate Change and environmental issues have until now been addressed through various policies and committees as part of the work of Dursley Town Council (see Appendix A).

At the Dursley Town Council meeting on 1 October 2019, councillors agreed to appoint Environmental Councillor representatives (Cllrs Thomas and Reynolds) to attend meetings relating to climate change and other environmental matters.

At the Policy and Finance Committee meeting on 10 December 2019, the Committee agreed to ask Councillors Thomas and Reynolds to draft a mission statement on climate change and environmental matters. The first draft of the Mission Statement was considered at the Policy and Finance Committee meeting on 11th February 2020 and amendments were suggested.

Draft mission statement

This document outlines areas where Dursley Town Council can set a good example in its practices in areas relating to climate change, the environment and sustainable development.

Power, energy, utilities and other suppliers

Dursley Town Council will aim to:

- Reduce energy used in Council offices and premises.
- Encourage Gloucestershire County Council to implement street lighting that is well-designed and utilises LED lights.
- Use LED street lighting in the Council's Long Street Car Park.
- Consider renewable energy suppliers for power and energy in Council office and premises when reviewing contracts.

Waste management

Dursley Town Council will aim to:

- Ban the use of single-use plastic in Council offices and premises by the end of 2020.
- Ban the use of single-use plastics at Council meetings, including the Annual Assembly, by the end of 2020.
- Encourage stall holders and groups at Council run events to use alternatives to single-use plastic.
- Monitor and reduce the use of paper in Council offices and premises.
- Operate an automatic electronic agenda system for all Council meetings by the end of May 2020, Councillors have to opt out to receive paper agendas.
- Monitor and reduce the amount of waste that goes to landfill in Council offices and premises.

Transport

Dursley Town Council will aim to:

- Reduce car use by promoting car-sharing, cycling, walking and bus services through Council activities and plans (e.g. the Dursley Neighbourhood Development Plan, supporting the Green Way Project and local high street/shop local campaigns).
- At the end of its useful life, replace the Council vehicle with a suitable electric one.
- Schedule the installation of an Electric Vehicle (EV) charging point in the pavilion garage ready for the move over to an electric vehicle.

Land use

Dursley Town Council will aim to:

- Protect existing local green spaces, the green belt and locally designated nature sites through Council activities and plans (e.g. the Dursley Neighbourhood Development Plan).
- Increase tree cover on council-owned land and ensure existing trees are properly managed and protected.
- When a Council managed tree is lost replace with a new tree.
- Manage council-owned land and verges to increase biodiversity and reduce carbon pollution; reducing pesticide use and increasing the planting of wildflowers where possible.
- Work with allotment tenants to encourage pollinators and composting on the Council-owned allotment site.

Buildings, carbon footprint

Dursley Town Council will aim to:

- Ensure any council-owned buildings have high levels of insulation.
- Monitor and improve the energy and water efficiency of council-owned buildings.
- Ensure that opportunities to improve our facilities (e.g. improve energy efficiency, install charging points) are taken up.

Planning, supporting sustainable development

Dursley Town Council will aim to:

- Consider the environmental impacts of developments and promote and encourage sustainability and energy efficiency when reviewing and commenting on planning applications.
- Consider the environmental impacts of developments and promote and encourage sustainability and energy efficiency when reviewing and commenting on the Dursley Neighbourhood Development Plan, the Local Plan, the Local Transport Plan and similar strategic/policy documents.
- Ensure the Emergency Plan covers potential environmental risks e.g. extreme weather conditions such as flooding, heatwave, heavy snow.

Policies and decision-making

Dursley Town Council will aim to:

- Consider funding local environmental, climate change and nature restoration projects via mechanisms such as Section 106 agreements, Community Infrastructure Levy and the grants programme etc.
- Consider climate change and environmental issues in all Council policies and decision-making, including an 'ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS' section on the officer report template.

Actions

- Take to the next Green Spaces Committee meeting for further ideas and comments.
- Review existing policies in light of this mission statement.
- Transform the mission statement into a policy along the lines of our equality policy, health & safety policy, etc.

Appendix A

Neighbourhood Development Plan

One of the key aims of Dursley's Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) is to contribute to the environmental, social and economic sustainability of Dursley. The full text of the NDP is here:

<https://www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk/uploads/dursley-ndp-v36-updated-021018.pdf>

An assessment of the contribution to sustainable development in Dursley's NDP is here:

[https://www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk/uploads/dursley-ndp-\(final\)-sa-matrix-may-a-2018.pdf](https://www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk/uploads/dursley-ndp-(final)-sa-matrix-may-a-2018.pdf)

Planning Committee

Dursley Town Council's Planning Committee meets monthly to discuss and comment on planning issues affecting the town. These applications include the development of new dwellings, change of use, extensions, works to listed buildings and trees. The Committee also comment and make representations on more strategic plans such as the Stroud District Local Plan, the Dursley's Neighbourhood Development Plan and Local Transport Plan.

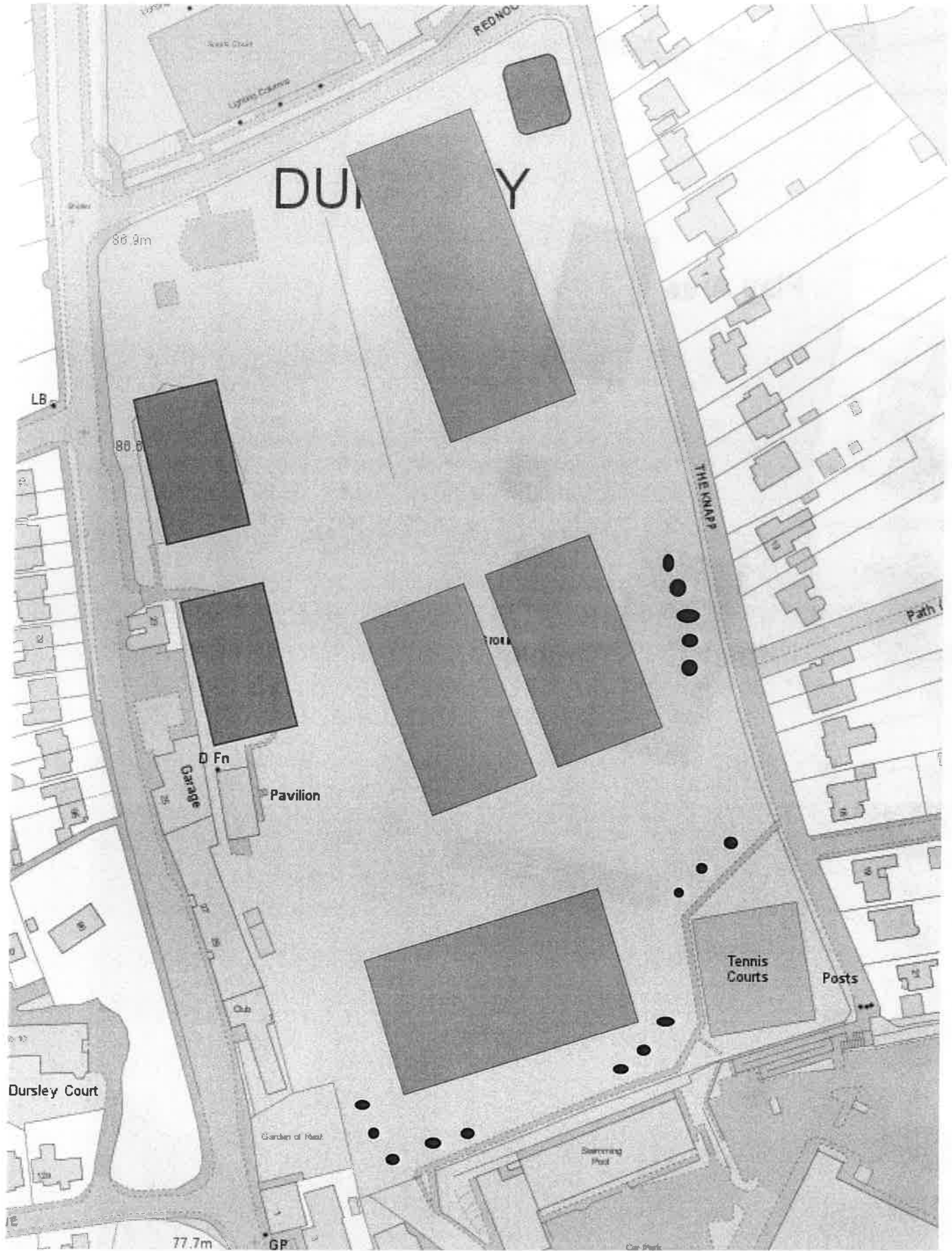
Green Spaces Committee

Dursley Town Council's Green Spaces Committee manages and maintains several green spaces in Dursley: the War Memorial Recreation Ground, Highfields Play Area, Kingshill House Play Park, Kingshill Cemetery, St Mark's Burial Ground, and the Kingshill allotments. The Committee also makes sure that trees on Council land are maintained.

Town Improvements Committee

Dursley Town Council's Town Improvements Committee is responsible for public amenities within the town, e.g. bus shelters, benches, flower tubs, and works closely with both district and county councils to maintain facilities in the town centre., deals with all public transport matters in the town, and ensures that the litter situation in the town is checked, liaising with Stroud District Council as required.

War Memorial Recreation Ground & Highfields Play Area



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