

Item 19B

> Dear Karen,

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> I am feeling rather glum. I keep writing to different people, copying other people in too, on behalf of Trawden Parish Council, but I seem to achieve nothing for them.

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> I have outlined, in detail, the situation, which is, essentially, that over years Pendle Council has allowed random people, including farms and smallholdings, to tap into the council's water supply without ever charging them.

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> Please see the email below. Pendle Council remains in denial about this situation. Perhaps they cannot bring themselves to face up to the fact that people have been receiving free water for years from the public purse? Waterplus will not deal with Trawden Parish Council, understandably, because its customer is Pendle Borough Council.

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> The Parish Council has long been keen to take over the Rec, but has been stymied each and every time it reasonably states that the Parish will not pay for some people to receive free water. Their stance is entirely reasonable.

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> PLEASE can you intervene so that a new meter is installed at the Pavilion on the Rec and that the transfer can happen swiftly without the Parish Council bearing the liability for any other individuals or businesses' water supply?

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> Yours gratefully,

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> Sarah

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> Hi Cllr Cockburn-Price

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> Thank you for your email. Our Facilities Manager has inspected the whole length of the pipe and has confirmed that the only sub-meters are the ones we are aware of. I am informed that the annual cost to the Council of the water used is c£30. The cost to split off the supplies would be in the thousand's and there is a good chance it wouldn't be done before the LGR structural changes order.

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> I understand that this has been said previously but to reaffirm, based on the above, the Council's position is that if the Parish Council wants to take Trawden Recreation ground it will need to take it as it is.

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> Regards

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Hi Karen

I hope that you are well.

After reading the emails, the information that has been supplied to us for the financial year 2023/4 states that the water and sewage costs for the Recreation Ground were £1800. There is a septic tank on the land so outflow costs should be minimal. This would leave the actual cost of water used to be a high percentage of that £1800 nowhere near the £30 quoted.

We are aware of at least one additional supply which is on the field below the recreation ground, but one of our Councillors states that he is sure that there are more.

I'm sure that he would be happy to meet with one of your team to discuss this, if that is acceptable? Please let me know.

Thanks

Adele

Hi Adele

Apologies, I meant the cost to the Council of the water supplied through the sub-meters is c£30. We are at a point now where we are happy to transfer the recreation ground to the Parish Council, but it has to transfer as it is.

Kind regards