



BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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3rd Party Charging Report by RFO & Clerk

Overview:

The Parish Council provide various services to Parishioners/Visitors/Local Groups. We charge for these services, and therefore are required to review regularly.

Local and national rates for these services have been researched. Recommendations for new charging rates are below.

The Council need to balance their need to raise funding from areas other than the local precept, and the Council's responsibility to serve the local community.

3rd Party Charges:

Cemetery Charges

EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF BURIAL

In an earthen grave	£404.00
Crenated remains in a pot	£233.00

INTERMENTS

For the interment of a body in a grave in respect of which an exclusive right of burial has been granted.

Body of still born or <1 month.....	£0.00
Body of child <18 years	£0.00
Body of person >18 years	£568.00
Cremated remains	£310.00

GRAVESTONES, TABLETS AND MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS

Headstone <1.2 mtrs in height inc. first inscription	£204.00
Replacement headstone <1.2 mtrs in height inc. first inscription	£94.00
Erection of a memorial for a child <18 years	£0.00
Each inscription thereafter	£94.00
Additional tablet	£120.00

A surcharge on Exclusive Rights of Burial, for the burial of non-Bembridge permanent residents of 50%. Special circumstances would be considered.

NOTE: These fees have been in use since April 2021

Please also see cemetery comparison sheet attached.

We will not know the exact costs of running the cemetery until we have been able to determine how much time the Lengthsmen give to grass cutting. This is in hand.

We need to instal a drainage system to try and prevent the flooding that occurred this year. This will be expensive as we need to hire a digger, buy the pipes, gravel, cement and re turf. It is estimated that it will take a week to complete so the Lengthsmen's hours will need to be factored in. We have to believe the charges in the past were worked out using the costs at the time and increases have been applied in relation to inflation.

OPTIONS:

- A. Keep charges at current level.
- B. Increase by up to 10% to reflect inflation.
- C. Increase above 10%.

Plus non-Bembridge resident

- a) Keep same as now x2
- b) x3
- c) x5

Electric Vehicle Charging Point

The Parish Council receives payment via Pod Point for the use of the EV charging point situated outside the Parish Office. The Council can decide how much is charged to the public for each kWh used. The income less Pod Point fees is then passed on to the Parish Council.

Public charge per kWh used £0.50

Our electricity is currently charged to us at £0.21, however it has been discounted via the Energy Bill Relief Scheme, it will soon return to £0.39. Once we deduct PodPoint fees the margin we are making is in the region of £0.09-£0.10.

NOTE: The fees were increased to £0.50 in October 2022. Previous charges were £0.20 on electricity prices of £0.14 giving a margin of approx. £0.05-£0.06. The cost of electricity is likely to increase again due to the increases in energy costs. The council do not want to find themselves subsidising the users like they were for a large proportion of last year. The aim is to instal another EV unit (fast charging one) in Steyne Park in the future but significant funds will be required to do this as the connection is not simple in this area.

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Steyne Park Football Pitches and Changing Rooms

Pitch and Changing Room fees are:

30 week season hire – Pitch and changing room (Adults).....	£444.00
30 week season hire – Pitch and changing room (Youth).....	£222.00
Casual hire (up to 3hrs) (Adults).....	£64.00
Casual hire (up to 3hrs) (Youth).....	£32.00

NOTE: The fees for pitches and changing rooms were last increased in 2021. At that point the full adult hire was increased by £9 and casual hire by £2 with the equivalent increase for youth.

Costs

Cost	Adult		Junior		Total
Pitch marking	£23/month	£184	£48/month	£384	£568
Pitch cutting	£172/month	£1376	£140/month	£1120	£2496

Other costs include:

Water

Electricity

Toilets

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RFO Bembridge Parish Council/Clerk to BPC