

Communities Committee – 14th March 2023

Playing Field Grass Cutting for 2023

Currently the cutting of the Eskdale Road playing field is carried out by Buckinghamshire Council.

I have obtained some quotes to compare Buckinghamshire Council rate for 2023 to determine value for money.

The specification is for 32 cuts per season. The final number and cost are dependent upon the weather conditions during the season.

Quotes

1. Buckinghamshire Council - £155.87 per visit = £4,988.
Cost for 2022 was £1,192.
2. Quarry View Garden Care - £217.50 per visit = £6,960.
3. Gardens by Gathercole - £210.00 per visit = £6,720.

Quarry View Garden Care I did not meet, and they did not visit the site.

Gardens by Gathercole is a sole trader and when I met him, I got the impression that he was more of a gardener as he didn't have any large gang mowers that I would expect a contractor to use.

As we are well into March and the first cut is due shortly, I have instructed Buckinghamshire Council to continue with the contract for the 2023 season. This is based on price and past performance.