

Contract Specification for the Redevelopment of Tennis Courts in Milborne Port, Somerset

1. Introduction

The Parish Council of Milborne Port is undertaking a project to restore and update the existing tennis facilities in the villages. This project is linked to similar projects in the Parishes of Long Sutton and West Coker. The contract will be sole with Milborne Port Parish Council, but it is likely that favourable consideration will be given were a contractor to bid for the contracts with the other Parish Councils.

The specifications/statements of work given here is based on surveys undertaken Facility Planning and Design LTD July 2022.

Long Sutton's tennis court is located next to its Village Hall and Recreation Ground off Martock Road (TA10 9NT) and has a double tennis court (two courts, one expanse of surface) first laid circa 1990. The resurfacing and refurbishment of the court is part of a much larger community & sport infrastructure project being undertaken by the parish that also include the refurbishment of the children's play area and the extension and refurbishment of the sports pavilion.

Milborne Port has two tennis courts located together at the Memorial Recreation Ground Springfield Road, Milborne Port, DT9 5RE



They were created some 25 to 30 years ago, the tarmac surface is beginning to deteriorate, and the surrounding fencing needs improving. The Parish Council now wishes to bring facilities for tennis back to a good standard.

The Memorial Playing Fields also has a Multi Use Games Area immediately to the north of the two tennis courts, which is laid out for tennis amongst other sports. For the avoidance of doubt, this facility is **not** considered under this contract.

2. General Contract Conditions

The Parish Council will let one contract. However, as the contract is linked with those at West Coker and Long Sutton, it would be helpful for any correspondence in connection with the contract to be copied to the clerks in those parishes for completeness sake.

All communications to be via the parish clerk:

Milborne Port : Mr Simon Pritchard, clerk@milborneportpc.org.uk 01963 251 268

With copies to

Long Sutton: Ms Lisa Newby, clerk@longsutton-pc.gov.uk 07561 695671

West Coker: Ms Kate Fullerton. westcokerpc@hotmail.co.uk. 07712 398985

Bidders are recommended to view the site and ask questions before submitting offers.

The work done must meet the standards of standards for tennis courts laid out by the Lawn Tennis Association and the Sport and Play Construction Association (SAPCA). The selected contractor must be one or both of the following:

- a member of the Sport and Play Construction Association (SAPCA).
- a local company with demonstrable experience of refurbishing tennis facilities to a high standard.

Selection will be undertaken jointly by Milborne Port Parish Council, and will consider price, schedule, and track record. Consideration will be given to contractors also submitting bids to the project at Long Sutton and West Coker. Bidders must submit costed schedules for the project.

The contract format will be

3. Milborne Port Tennis Court detail

3.1 Site

The tennis courts at Milborne Port is at the eastern edge of the central strip of the Memorial Playing Fields, next to the junior football pitch, the Multi Use Games Area, and the Sports Pavilion. The Playing Fields are located at the north easterly end of the village. There are multiple pedestrian access points to the courts, and vehicular access is achieved along Springfield Road, through the Village Hall car park from which there is a gate onto the playing fields proper.



There is flood light infrastructure at the courts, but this is not in use and is not part of the project.

Welfare facilities will be provided in the sports pavilion adjacent to the courts, the public toilets next door, or in the village hall depending on users.

3.2 The Courts

The courts were laid some thirty years ago with limited surface maintenance carried out since then. Moss removal has been managed, though there is material recent build up at the margins. The fencing is dilapidated in parts, with a number of areas requiring replacement, and a number of stanchions requiring re-anchoring (see photos) The courts are EW 31.20m and NS 34.65m in one expanse of surface with four holes to take the net ends on both courts. The nets are in functional shape, but showing the effects of age, and the Parish Council would like these replaced as part of the project.

3.3 Drainage

Drainage is not a problem from the courts under the present set up. Water run-off is ultimately into the ditches and soakaways to the east of the playing fields. It should be noted that there is a drain running parallel to the southern boundary between the courts and the small hillock of top soil which originates from the original establishment of the courts. This should not impact the project, but care will need to be taken to ensure that no accidental damage is caused.

3.4 Surface.

The survey undertaken by Sport Facility Planning and Design LTD reports that the surface is playable, but the levels of erosion thereon will render it unsuitable within the near future. The new surface is

to be 25mm porous asphalt with no requirement for a porous binder. Parts of the kerbs are in a reusable condition in part, but are the location of the highest levels of moss build up, and some may require replacing.

3.5 Marking and nets.

The two tennis courts will be marked out in accordance with the LTA specifications for singles and doubles. As noted above, the court will require that new nets to be provided. The Contractor should assess the state of the net end posts and advise whether these can continue to be used; require restoration; or require replacement and tender as assessed.

3.6 Fencing.

The Contractor is to evaluate and propose solutions – complete replacement or join new sections onto existing fencing. Re-anchor loose stanchions. Resecure any fencing to continue in use to ground. Gate to continue to be located in the middle of the southern boundary.