

Recreation Group meeting held on 25th June 2018

Present: Mike Evans (ME), John Lewis (JL) Sarah Mc Sherry (SMS) Elena Rees (ER) and Michele Harding (MH)

Apologies: Darren Batten (DB) Graham Moody (GRM)

Actions since the last meeting:

The Group has not had a meeting since Nov 2017 due to the delays in carrying out the second part of the consultation for older children; this was carried out on 21st April by ME and GRM.

Only 3 young people came to the consultation but those who did gave good feedback.

1. It was suggested that the shelter should have no sides as there was a fear that it would invite undesirable behavior.
2. The Zip wire needs to be for older children as well.
3. The concrete area needs extending around the Basketball net
4. A net is required behind the football post at the Corncrake end of the playing field so that balls are not lost in the hedge.

The group considered the requests for an open shelter and felt that the shelter should have 1 side along the river bank so as to form a barrier from sound to the properties across the river.

The group confirmed that the planned Zip wire would be for children and adults. Following information gathered from Ken Hussey (independent play inspector). The PC should ensure that the zip wire is ordered from a company that can either carry out the ongoing maintenance or give advice on what companies can service the equipment as it will require this on an annual basis to tighten the zip line.

The roundabout surfacing has been completed as it required repair so this can be taken from the final budget. Costing £2260 rather than £5400.

The Jeep seat has been repaired as this became an emergency.

First Stage of project:

Install a Zip Wire- £7000 (Mr Zip Wire)

Install a shelter- £6000- (Tuin- Superior Wooden Gazebo 3.4m x5.9m and ground works)

Install a rope bridge between the hags equipment- £3000 (design to be confirmed)

Replace slides on Hags equipment- £4000- (Playdale tube slide)

Total £20,000 approx. costs

Planning Application:

A planning application has been started but further advice will be gathered from the planning department on how much we need to include into the planning application, do we need to apply for planning to replace items or just the new items i.e the Zip wire and shelter, as these may be the most contentious locally.

Funding:

The S106 funding application has been started and will be submitted applying for £20,000 in total for the installation of the first stage, approx. £12,000 from the S106 pot apply for Palmers funding of up to £5000.00 and the remainder to come from the BBPC funds set aside in the budget.

Next steps:

1. The Clerk will ask Ken Hussey to assist with the design of installing a rope bridge between the hags equipment.
2. The clerk will enquire with the Zip Wire Company about ongoing maintenance.
3. John Lewis will look into funding applications from the Lottery and Awards for all and confirm the funding criteria
4. Elena will look into further funding streams
5. Sarah will write the funding letter to resident and businesses and circulate
6. Mike will look into netting to stop balls from being kicked into the hedge as per the request at the recent consultation.
7. The Clerk will complete the funding applications from S106 and Palmers.
8. The Clerk will confirm with WDDC planning department the planning costs and details on the area.

Playground inspections:

The Clerk supplied information on possible quarterly inspections using Ken Hussey and its benefits

Current Annual inspection- £71

Current weekly inspection no maintenance-£576 per annum

Total: £712

Quarterly inspections with minor maintenance- £52.75 per quarter at £211.00 per year- reports produced each quarter and actions recommended.

Weekly visual inspections if done by Parish Councillors or Play area working group- FOC

Total: £211.00

The next meeting will be held on Mon 23rd July at 6.30pm

Recommendations for the Parish Council on 4th July 2018

1. **To approve the submission of the S106 funding for £20,000** for the first part of the project as detailed above
2. **To approve the planning application for the new equipment –**
3. **To approve the application for funding from Palmers to be submitted for the November board meeting**
4. **To consider the quarterly play inspections using Ken Hussey at a cost of £211.00**
This would include the inspection, minor maintenance at the time of the inspection and a full report. This would replace the annual inspection and weekly inspections carried out by a contractor, but would mean Cllrs or the play area group would do a weekly visual check of the play area. The benefits are that the inspections will be done by a qualified inspector, any items will be picked up more quickly than the annual inspection, this still meets the insurance requirements and means that any repair work can be organized and budgeted for, keeping the play area up together, so as not to have large annual repair bills, maintaining the equipment on an ongoing basis.