

Recreation Group report for the PC meeting 6th Sept 2017

Background :

The recreation group carried out consultations in the village commencing at the Duck race 2016.

Copies of the questionnaire were held at the Post Office, the group had 86 questionnaires returned, 84 responded with overriding support for the play area as a community asset and to maintain the area, many suggestions were received on new equipment and some equipment no longer wanted. This was reiterated at the Duck Race this year where further feedback was received.

The group have also had input from BB school and their Sports ambassadors, the group are now looking to gather comments from some of the older children who use the site.

The group had a very informative meeting with Daryl Chambers from Bridport TC who spoke on the West Bay play areas which were completed in phases costing a total of £219,000 to date. He has offered support with our project and has many contacts we can use.

Following on from the feedback the group has now gathered quotes from play area companies the quotes for these designs are as follows:

Playdale	£59441.96 - zip wire included no shelter
Sovereign	£52057.58 - plus costs for a zip wire and shelter
Sutcliffe	£57079.00 - plus a shelter
Touchwood	£102,860.83 - bespoke design for whole area with consultation

Hags were invited to tender but to date have not produced a plan following a site meeting.

On top of all these quotes there will be the costs to adapt/repair the Hags equipment- (except Touchwood) costs in the region of £3000 to £5000.

The group like many of the items in all the of the plans but no one design stands out and following on from the meeting with Daryl from Bridport where they project managed and gathered items from all different companies and asked Huk nets to install the equipment using local contractors, this is something the group believes is the best way forward.

The Parish Council have now agreed to provide seed funding over the next 3 years of £5000 per year. In line with the Parish Council requested the working group has now define the phases and the estimated cost of each phase .

Proposed Project Phases :

The working group met to look at the plan and the equipment that had been requested during the consultations making selections from many of the play companies taking into account design and for money ,and then to prepare a plan for the coming 3 years.

The first stage of the project being quick wins would be to put in a Zip wire, shelter and replace the slides on the hags equipment and aim to join the two pieces of equipment together with a rope bridge.

Huk nets will be contacted for info on the costs to make the rope bridge to connect the Hags equipment for the first phase of the project.

Next Steps :

- Consultation with the older age groups on plan .
- The supplier and the cost of the shelter need to be confirmed
- The surfacing cost and types to be confirmed
- Finalise the plan for the recreation area and document the new equipment .
- Gather any planning permissions required once plan is approved.
- Final costs from the suppliers for phase 1(including project management and additional contractors if required)
- Apply for S106 funds and commence funding bids from local pots.

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