

PLAY Area Development/Strategy Working Group Meeting 1st November 2022

Present:

David Williams (Chair) FCPC
Tim Niblett FCPC
Linda Williams FCPC
Morgan Bolton FCPC
David Hanks (Resident)
Rob McCullough (Resident & Westerleigh Parish Councillor)
Jeanette Sakel (Resident)
Kim Jefferies FCPC

Apologies:

Tristan Clark FCPC

1. Update on Survey Results for Ridings Road Play Area

Members were presented with the results of both the online and paper copy surveys. The uptake has been good so far, it was noted that the QR codes had been advertised in the Frome Valley Voice November edition and it was agreed to have an update provided for the next working group meeting and that the social media campaign be refreshed.

It was agreed at the end of the survey that a requirements document be formed based on the results before asking a professional for a schematic drawing.

2. South Gloucestershire Council Lease Agreement

Members noted that the land at Ridings Road is leased from the District Council and agreed to **Recommend** writing to SGC requesting any necessary permissions to renew the play equipment. Confirmation of this will be required by funders.

3. Creation of Future Strategy and Replacement Policy

Members were presented with a draft policy, and it was agreed with no amendments to **Recommend** the Finance and Governance Committee approve the policy.

4. Ongoing Consideration of the latest trends in Play Equipment Provision

Members agreed the need to be aware of current trends, balanced with the feedback from the survey. Cllr David Williams has visited some of the sites named in the survey's and agreed to provide photos to share with the group at a later date.

5. Consideration of any new sites

Cllr David Williams explained to the meeting which sites, in the parish, are owned by the Parish Council and which are owned by the District Council. David Hanks asked if the area opposite Ridings Road might be considered in the future.

6. Funding – Grants/Other

The project officer identified possible funding from Suez Communities Trust scheme. It was agreed to provide more detail about the fund. **See Appendix 1**

Rob McCullough explained that Westerleigh Parish Council are currently updating a park area in Westerleigh playing fields, costing approximately £30,000. They have used one company for the entire project and are using resin flooring. They had agreed to renew the existing equipment like for like.

Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 29th November 2022 at 7pm

Project Officer–note taker