

## **PLAY Area Development/Strategy Working Group Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

### **Present:**

David Williams (Chair) FCPC

Tim Niblett FCPC

Tristan Clark FCPC

Kim Jefferies FCPC

### **Apologies:**

David Hanks

### **1. Note and Actions from the Meeting 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

Members were presented with the results of the survey since its closure. David Williams presented a spreadsheet of all responses to the group for analysis. It was noted that all actions were completed.

### **SGC Update**

An email was received to acknowledge the Council's intent to renew the current play provision at Ridings Road and SGC agreed to let the Council know about any utilities that lie beneath the area. The group awaits this response.

### **Review of Survey Results for Ridings Road Play Area**

Members were provided with a map of post codes of people that had fed into the survey which seem to suggest a variety of household users from all parts of the village. Not all responses had recorded their post codes.

Analysis of responses were as follows:

➤ Balance beams	3
➤ Climbing structure	18
➤ Fencing	13
➤ Monkey bars	6
➤ Round a Bout	12
➤ Seating	4
➤ Seesaw	7
➤ Slide	16
➤ Trampoline	8
➤ Zip wire	7
➤ Swings	16

Results of the survey agreed that the equipment should be for the age range of 5-12 year by 83% and that the equipment is generally used Friday, Saturday and Sundays between midday and 6pm.

Members agreed that the equipment should cover the existing footprint and not the entire space at Ridings Road. Therefore, it was agreed that equipment that had attained 8 votes and below would be discounted from the specification. Fencing was deemed important and investigations into standard metal and a more natural approach to creating a perimeter should be investigated. It was agreed to look at inclusive equipment in a mix of materials to cater for boys and girls. To source play contractors as close to Frampton Cotterell as possible. It was agreed as part of the investigations that a decision is made as to whether any of the existing play equipment could be saved.

It was **RECOMMENDED:** That

1. Cllr David Williams and the Project Officer meet to investigate the options of play equipment for the age range of 5-12 years and pull together a specification for the next working group meeting to discuss.
2. To source local play contractors thought suitable to be contacted for quotation

### **Ongoing Maintenance**

Since the departure of the Estates and Amenities Officer it was felt that this work can be completed with the new Officer when in post with the help of the Office to pull together an up to date working document of all checks and maintenance of all play areas.

### **Westerleigh Parish Council**

A response was received from the Council with a picture of the play area they are currently replacing at Westerleigh, the Clerk provided some advice about her experience to date.

### **Consider the Latest Trends in Play Equipment Provision**

Members have agreed to keep in mind the latest trends and acknowledged the current movement in the sector to 'make space for girls'.

### **Funding Grants/Other**

Members agreed that as well as the Suez possible opportunity for funding that other streams would be sought to ensure maximum benefit for this project.

### **Date of next meeting:**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7pm**

*Project Officer note taker*