

Remaining S106 funds for open space facilities/equipment

There are two funds with S106 monies remaining after the completion of the Pump Track, Skatepark and Accessible Bench projects, balances as follows:

- £45,998.23 – Provision of skateboard/scooter/BMX facility at Jubilee Parish field
- £1,940.65 - Improvement of play equipment at Jubilee Play Area

The Parish Council needs to consider what facilities/equipment the funds could be utilised for that would benefit the community. Whilst the project headings state the Jubilee Field it may be possible to utilise these funds in another location in the Village for the same or similar purpose. Orchard Way has sufficient space to accommodate further equipment.

Fitness equipment is an option that could be considered. Currently there is an Amazon Climber at Orchard Way. This was purchased from Playdale and fitted by a local company based near Taunton in December 2019 at a cost of £13,112. In addition, the horizontal agility ladder is in need of replacement, and this has been identified in the 3-year Capital Programme.

Several pieces of fitness equipment were purchased and fitted by Playdale at Jubilee Field in July 2016 and October 2018, as per the details below. Prices will have increased since these items were purchased and fitted. An increase of around 50% has been allowed for insurance purposes in the Asset Register, however this is indicative only and full quotes will have to be obtained.

Item	Month & year of purchase/fitting	Cost	Indicative cost at 150%
Timber and cable Combination obstacle course	July 2016	£2,576	£3,864
Timber & metal 'chin ups' combination	July 2016	£915	£1,373
Timber & metal Parallel Bars	July 2016	£513	£770
Timber Monkey Bars	July 2016	£523	£785
Signs and 'Grasslock' safety surface for above items	July 2016	£3,708	£5,562
Overall cost	July 2016	£8,235	£12,354
Wooden Straddle Jump	October 2018	£264	£396
Five wooden hurdles	October 2018	£1,235	£1,853
Wood & metal Climbing Poles	October 2018	£846	£1,269
Signs & 'Grasslock' safety Surface for above items	October 2018	£3,210	£4,815
Overall cost	October 2018	£5,555	£8,333

Councillors may wish to select the same or similar equipment for Orchard Way or have other suggestions. If there is an agreement in principle as to requirements, the Clerk can then obtain quotes from Playdale and two other play equipment providers for the supply and fitting of the equipment and surfaces, and also for the equipment to be supplied by an appropriate play equipment provider and fitted by the same local contractor who fitted the Amazon Climber in Orchard Way or another suitably qualified local contractor. The Clerk will look to obtain three

quotes as this is required as part of the S106 funding process. It should be noted that if the potential cost exceeds £25,000 plus VAT and we choose to advertise the opportunity there are additional requirements under legislation to advertise the opportunity on Contract Finder as well as local advertising. Approaching providers and contractors direct does not constitute advertising.

Separately, it has also been suggested that the Parish Council could consider the purchase of new goal posts with metal mesh nets from the S106 monies for Jubilee Field. The cost of two is in the region of £1,600- £2,000 plus VAT and fitting charges. The Clerk will look to obtain 3 quotes if Council wishes to pursue this option.

All quotes will be brought back to Council for consideration and once approved S106 funding applications can be submitted to Mid-Devon District Council.

It should be noted that it is still likely that there will be monies remaining to be utilised and Councillors will need to consider further options/projects for the use of these funds once the costs for this project are finalised, or they may be lost to the village.

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