

## **Agenda Item 12 - Potential S106 Open Space Contribution proposed development 130 dwellings off Silver St (B3181) - Upgrading Play Areas**

### ***Upgrading Play Areas:***

- Replacement of grassed areas around/within the small fenced play areas at Chestnut Drive, Mallow Court, South View and Worcester Crescent by extending wetpour or provision of another appropriate surface. Rationale – reduction in maintenance costs re grass cutting, remove any complaints re length of grass, less attractive for cats to mess. Grass areas are too small to facilitate open space recreation and play. Minor biodiversity impact – could retain area to the back of Worcester Crescent which is left wild in the season? Cost - ?, but if 3 of the 4 areas are refurbished as below then this would be included in that cost.
- Full refurbishment of Mallow Court, South View and Worcester Crescent where all equipment was inherited with the lease and needs updating. The multiplay at Worcester Crescent has been identified in the Capital programme as needing to be replaced. The rocker and swings at Mallow Court have also been identified in the capital budget for replacement within the next 3 years. All existing equipment at these sites is ageing and could be replaced with new and/or different equipment including accessible play equipment. Based on the costs of refurbishment of Chestnut Drive in 2023 the costs would be around £35- £40k plus VAT to refurbish each of the 3 play areas so say £120k for all 3, accessible equipment will increase the cost.
- Orchard Way - upgrade of ageing swing set (identified in the capital programme as needing replacing in the next 3 years) and the old rocker with similar or different equipment. Cost to replace around £6k. Installation of a fence and gate to the left hand side of Orchard Way and a gate further along near the bottom end. Cost - ?
- Jubilee Field – the toddler swing set has just been replaced but the other 2 sets of junior swings (2 set and 4 set) need an upgrade and the arch climbing frame which is deteriorating. Cost around £14k. The area adjacent to the elephant rocker where another rocker was damaged and removed could be utilised for a further piece of equipment at a cost of say £5k, or the old elephant rocker removed and 2 small pieces or 1 larger piece installed at a cost of up to £10k. A mixture of upgrading and new at this location.
- Approximately £150k identified in above to upgrade play areas. This is simply a broad brush estimate at this stage and dependent on projects selected.

### ***Open Space and Recreation Group:***

The Open Space and Recreation Group can take forward and develop these and other potential Open Space S106 funded projects for approval by Council once funds are available and there is clear guidance as to use.