

Full Council 13/06/2024, Agenda Item 13

Open Space and recreation Group Proposals

The Open Space and Recreation Working Group was set up by Council in April. Its remit is to develop proposals to utilise the outstanding S106 funds available for open space and recreation and to oversee the capital programme for Play Areas.

Following a meeting and email exchanges some proposals have been formulated for consideration.

S106 Funds

The following S106 funds are held by Mid-Devon District Council:

- £45,998.23 – Provision of open space & recreation in the village
- £1,940.65 - Improvement of play equipment at Jubilee play area

Total - £47,938.88

Note: We are applying for S106 funds for the additional footpath between the skate park and the pump track of £5,500 so this may reduce the first amount above to £40,498.23 and the total to £42,438.88

Estimates have been obtained from a supplier. These give an indication of cost and if we wish to proceed further a site visit will be undertaken and firm quotes provided. For the S106 application we will also be required to obtain a further two quotes. The estimates have been circulated to Councillors with this paper but for competition and commercial reasons these documents have not been made public.

All prices exclude VAT.

Proposals

Orchard Way:

- The cost for all the proposed items, including fitting, delivery and accessories is estimated at approx. £21,710.
- This includes the bowl swing being proposed to replace the rusting ladder in the play area - as it is a new piece of equipment it is hoped that this will qualify for S106 funds. If not, the Council has sufficient reserves in the Orchard Way reserve to pay for this.

Jubilee Field:

- It was proposed to have similar goal ends to those on the school playground, without the top area and basketball hoop, the Clerk has spoken to the company who provided these and two goal ends on this basis plus installation is estimated at £9,290. A possible alternative has been priced with another supplier at an estimated cost of £6,156. The latter has been circulated to Councillors with this paper.
- Replacement of seesaw with ground level trampoline. An estimate has been provided at £5,519, however drainage is an issue to consider and an alternative proposal may be required. The £1,940.65 in the Jubilee play area S106 could be put towards this, the remainder of £3,578.35 can be funded from the Jubilee Field reserve.

Chestnut Drive:

- Addition of a two-rider spring seesaw – estimated at £4,059. This is not eligible for S106 funds, there is £2,651.50 in the Chestnut Drive reserve. The difference of £1,407.50 can be taken from capital funding (£6,000 allocated for new Play Equipment for 2024-25).

Potential spend from S106 open space and recreation fund is between £22,338 and £31,000 depending on whether funds can be used for the bowl swing and which goal ends are selected.

The £1,940.65 in the Jubilee Field Play Area S106 fund can be put towards the replacement item for the seesaw, be it a trampoline or another piece of equipment.

The Council has reserves and capital to fund any items for which S106 funding would not apply.

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