



# COSBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Victory Park and Playground Working Party** held at 6.30pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at the Toc-H building, Croft Road, Cosby.

**Present:** Cllr: V Rye (Chair) Cllr: Jean Chapman Cllr: M Howkins Cllr: J Wolfe  
Cllr: S Boocock Cllr: C Pharoah Cllr: H Stevenson

**Also Present:** L Phillimore (Parish Manager)  
S Chapman (Assistant Parish Manager)

**Apologies for Absence** Cllr: M Hillmann Cllr: S Wegerif

1. Chairman explained the purpose of the meeting - **to consider the investment and upgrade proposals and options for the Cosby Victory Park Children's playground**
2. Chairman expressed her thanks to Mrs S Chapman for her work on the project
3. S Chapman provided a background explanation to the three quotes received based on an initial price guide of £50,000

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** that: -

- a. Sutcliffe Play Equipment be chosen as the preferred supplier
- b. That the playground be equipped and remodelled (where possible, practical and viable) with dual purpose equipment that encourages inclusive play.
- c. That the quote of £61,448.51 from Sutcliffe Play Equipment be approved out of the Playground Earmarked Reserves
- d. That a quote for hard felt surface matting be confirmed for the replacement of the bark chippings pit beneath the Junior Multi-play, Est: £24,000
- e. That the budget be increased to £85,000 to accommodate the new felt matting
- f. That a quote be sourced to relocate the table tennis unit and relocate the Swirl Roundabout to Table Tennis table position and adjacent to the footpath.
- g. That as Trustees of the **Cosby Recreation Ground Charity** a fund of C: £10,000 be recommended to provide an extension to the playground fencing to enclose the swings and tarmac picture park and caterpillar seating as per 2022 fund raising.
- h. That a total capital investment of up to £150,000 be approved (Subject to the Parish Managers funding proposal) from Cosby Parish Council earmarked reserves, general reserves and grant funding as set-out below and to be made up of: -
  - i. Up to £80,000 from Playground Earmarked reserves

- ii. Up to c: £20,000 from reassigned earmarked reserves or general reserves
- iii. Residual S106 c: £6,838
- iv. As Trustees of the Recreation Ground Charity, c: £10,000 be recommended for the fencing extension.
- v. c: £50,000 from grant funding (If classed as match funding, grant undoubtedly needs to be awarded prior to expenditure)
- vi. That consideration be given for £20,000 additional reserves funding if required and agreed with the Parish Manager as Responsible Finance Officer.

**to fund: -**

- vii. New play equipment as per the Sutcliffe Play quotation £61,448.51
- viii. Playground extension to encompass swings and tarmac picture park area
- ix. Activity Boards for the playground extension
- x. Relocation of the Swirl Roundabout
- xi. Relocation of the Table Tennis table
- xii. Possible new gate and hard surface matting from the tarmac footpath to the new Junior Multi-play unit.
- xiii. Possible hard surface matting from the tarmac footpath to the relocated swirl roundabout
- xiv. Possible hard surface matting between play equipment to encourage and support inclusive play
- xv. That a completion date ahead of the summer school holidays be requested for the Sutcliffe Play installations.

**Note:**

1. Members are advised that the demand for high-expenditure is primarily age related to equipment. The investment above allied to the lack of historic equipment replacement accruals will leave the earmarked playground reserves largely or fully depleted.
2. The Helter Skelter is reaching its end-of-useful life and will need replacing in the near to medium term.
3. The wooden swing A-frame legs are slowly rotting at their bases and will need replacing when identified as essential works.