

Children's Play Area Working Party Meeting – Notes

Date convened – 22nd September 2022, – 3.30pm start.

Clerked by – J. Fullbrook

Members attending – Cllrs Sullivan, Goldsmith & Campbell

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- The group considered the playground development priorities for the forthcoming year – particularly in relation to possible external funding options such as the Wilson Memorial Trust, and the Clerk updated on current funding applications.
- The group **recommended that the Community Committee concentrate on the MPF redevelopment rather than Chandlers Way or indeed any other Play Area upgrade** due to the obviously far greater number of users at the MPF and because this Play Area was getting into such a poor state of repair.
- Given that it seemed less likely that an application to the WMT would be successful for Chandlers Way, **the group recommended that the Clerk focus on an application to them for a possible MPF Play Area.** Indeed, the group agreed that if a discussion took place with a WMT representative in the next two weeks and in the lead up to the next Community Committee meeting and that during that conversation such an application looked as though it might be a positive prospect, that the clerk draft an application that therefore could be agreed at that committee meeting.
- In discussion concerning items within the MPF Play Area's latest quote, Cllr Campbell highlighted that perhaps the Picnic Benches could be sponsored via memorial bench funding rather than through a purchase through the company. The Clerk suggested he might be able to provide one interested party already and the group agreed to recommend that if this option could be pursued then perhaps Committee might be able to agree such a sponsorship arrangement at the next Community Meeting.

Supplementary Note for meeting on the 8th November

Item 6.10

We attempted to discuss this item at the last Community meeting without moving the process forward very much unfortunately.

Could we focus please on the two recommendations highlighted above, and then consider the consequences of moving forward with an early renewal of the MPF play area in terms of finances – Latest quote would put this development in the region of £100K, with anywhere between £40K and £60K possibly being generously donated by the Wilson Memorial Trust – if the application is successful. – This discussion is particularly pertinent when considering all the project funding requests for the next fiscal year of course as it will be the largest project to perhaps be undertaken by some considerable margin.