

SOUTH SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Broadgreen Play Area

Leisure & Amenities Committee – 5 June 2018

1. Introduction

At the Leisure & Amenities Committee Meeting on 6 February 2018 it was agreed that Ward Councillors would discuss with local residents the future requirements for Broadgreen Play Area.

2. Report Details

- 2.1** The Parish Council has originally looking at filling in the surfacing between the grass and the MUGA stands which makes playing any games at the MUGA very difficult.
- 2.2** It was then identified that to square the pitch would mean that the teenage shelter had to be removed. The options were for it to be re-positioned, a new teenage shelter purchased, or it would not be replaced. The local residents indicated that local people did meet at the shelter. The local Police indicated that they were used for drug usage and they would rather the teenage shelter removed and not replaced. If the teenage shelter is to be re-sited, it will be very expensive to get it out of the ground. Otherwise, the legs will be sawn off below the surface and the holes filled in.
- 2.3** The Parish Council also wanted to look at cage cricket for the site. From information now obtained, this would mean putting fencing up around the tarmac, a special safety surfacing would need to be laid in different colours and marked out. This would change the look of the site and it would be closed in and not available to be used in the same way as now. The idea of cage cricket might be better suited to a larger site.
- 2.4** The local residents asked for other improvements which included taking out the wooden small posts, a new path and a new piece of play equipment in the empty enclosure adjacent to Broadgreen Community Centre. A plan has been drawn up of the requirements and this is attached. A provisional quotation has been received for new safety surfacing, new path and new play equipment of 2 baby swings and this is approximately £51K.
- 2.5** The local residents have asked for some support to maintain the plants around the Community Centre and the beds at the back of the building. This will be something for the Parish Rangers to regularly maintain in the future.
- 2.6** If the Parish Council agrees to go ahead with this work, the permission of Swindon Borough Council will need to be obtained. It will also be necessary to obtain 3 quotations for the work and depending on whether the work is done together or separately it might be necessary to advertise the Contract.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1** That the Parish Council approves the work to the MUGA resurfacing, new path and new piece of play equipment at Broadgreen Play Area.
- 3.2** That the instructions of the Parish Council are sought regarding the teenage shelter.
- 3.3** That the Parish Council look for a different location to site caged cricket in the future.