

## MELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

### Maintenance Committee

Item: MA067 21a) Play Park Working Party update

Date: 19 August 2021

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#### Project Brief:

The Moor Play Area is located between The Moor, Melbourn and the New Recreation Ground, and it is situated close the Little Hands Nursey. A budget of up to £95,000 has been set aside to refurbish the play area and provide the gym equipment in the recreation ground. The objective is to create a unique play area that is engaging and exciting for children aged from *2 to 12 years* old. The space should be visually appealing and safe, and the facilities should be capable of use all year round.

#### Design:

The Parish Council is not fixed on a specific design concept, however the Parish Council is keen for the overall design to be as natural as possible to reflect the rural location and include natural elements to create play spaces. *Theme?* The play park should include natural elements that encourage creative, explorative and imaginative play. Tenderers must consider the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 should implement them, if practical.

#### Materials:

The material used should fit well with the design and the refurbished items of equipment, but should also be long lasting and require minimal maintenance. *Sustainable?*

#### Equipment to be refurbished:

The Parish Council is keen for some equipment to remain in the Play Area, however these items will need refurbishment.

#### Items that require refurbishment if possible:

- Rocking Horse
- Swings\* – refurbishment with new surface and replace a current swing for an accessible swing.

\*Currently there are four big swings and four toddler swings in the Moor Play Area. If possible, The Parish Council would like to incorporate different size swings so that toddlers and primary aged children can be pushed at the same time.

### **Equipment to be removed:**

The majority of play equipment will be removed.

#### Items to be removed are:

- Zip wire
- Climbing frame
- Seesaw
- Rocking horse
- Roundabout
- Small slide
- 2 single rockers
- Slide on mound\*

\*There is a mound in the Moor Play Area with a slide. The slide needs removing, but the mound can stay and be reshaped if the supplier feels that it works with their design.

#### **Play equipment:**

All equipment should comply with the requirements of EN1176 and appropriate certificates should be supplied with tender. The design and choice of equipment will be up to the supplier, however the Parish Council have identify items of equipment which would be popular and may help with the suppliers design process.

#### Equipment Suggestions within the play area:

- An accessible Seesaw
- An accessible Roundabout
- Multi-occupancy rocker
- 2 single rockers
- Trampoline set in ground
- Vertical Play boards
- Multi-person longitudinal log swing
- Mound with slide (open steps) and the mound could be reshaped to include a tunnel
- Zip wire replacement 30 m to be situated at edge of play area
- Climbing frames. As the play area will be for a range of ages and abilities, it would be good for the climbing frames to accommodate for this.

The play area should be unique and not a replica of the other village play area, Clear Crescent. The Parish Council is keen for there to be a large “show stopping” central item, which would be a piece of equipment for a range of ages and abilities.

Outside of the play area in the recreation ground, near the basketball court, the Parish Council would like the supplier to install gym equipment for a use of teenagers and adults. The design should include 4 pieces of gym equipment for this area.

The play equipment should cater for ages from *2 to 12 years* old and for those with additional needs.

#### **Surfacing:**

Surfacing around and underneath equipment requirements of EN1177 and be tested in accordance with BS 7188. *The current play area is flat grass and in keeping with the natural design, The Parish Council would like to keep grass surfacing where Grass is acceptable under EN1177 for fall heights of up to 1000mm?*

**Furniture:**

The furniture in the play area should be suitable for those with limited mobility and a range of ages. Visually the furniture should fit with the design of the whole play area. Adults who are supervising children should have good visibility for the benches. See below suggestions from the Parish Council, but the supplier is free to make their own decision based on what works best with their design.

Suggestions for furniture:

- 3 picnic benches – 1 accessible
- 2 benches near equipment

*Bins?*

**Fencing and gates:**

The current play area has fencing around the perimeter. The size and dimension of the play area will not change when the refurbishment takes place. Fencing will need to remain in place as the play area is near a road. There will be access point to the play park, with measure that will prevent dogs accessing the play park. *New fencing not needed/needed?*

*Entrance to Moor play area from road needs improving, but this work will not be included in tender?*

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