

Community Infrastructure Levy – residents update

Following the resident consultation and analysis of the feedback received the most popular projects were allocated to specific Councillors for further investigation. The following is a summary of the findings to date:

Garden with sensory features. (Cllr S Martin, Cllr C Norman, Cllr G Norman)

- Visited sensory gardens at Hinchbrook and Ramsey for ideas.
- Discussion with Chairman of Holywell-cum-Needlingworth gardening club over the project. The club would be happy to support the initiative in design, construction and planting etc. but unable to support with ongoing maintenance.
- Would need to factor in 2-4 hours/month contracted work for maintenance and replacement plants.

Charges- general approximation: Low budget garden £100/sqm (100sqm =£10,000)

Location: Most suitable location would be adjacent to any new community building. This would create a focal point, reduce likelihood of vandalism, provide CCTV coverage, and make it accessible and aesthetically pleasing.

Parish Building. (Cllr J Neish and Cllr S Mortlock.)

Having reconsidered possible options at a meeting 2nd July 2019 The Council asked that we consider:

- 1- An extension to the village hall to provide a Parish space/office/building.
- 2- A standalone building.

VHT's permission/approval for an extension version on the village hall Cllr S Mortlock and Cllr J Neish met with R Fountain and A Killoran who informed us that the Village Hall Trustees (VHT) had already discussed the matter at a meeting and the only option on offer to the Parish Council (PC) was to be attached to the back of the store and their new extension.

With regards to a standalone proposition, we have listened to comments made by villagers and instead of a kitchenette have tweaked the internal layout of a standalone building so there is now just tea making facilities in the office space.

As the need for a small separate, private meeting room was acknowledged we thought it would be a great opportunity for the PC to offer its use to other user groups in the community (not in competition with VHT) and therefore we would invite suggestions from the community for possible uses.

Play equipment/outdoor gym equipment (Cllr E MacPherson and Cllr A Whyte)

Four companies have been approached regarding the supply and installation of outdoor gym equipment of which three provided firm quotes for 6 pieces of equipment to be installed on a rubber mulch surface.

Siting of the equipment is yet to be confirmed but Overcote Lane playing field is the favoured location.

Whilst on site the companies were asked to look at the existing children's play area and all agreed that there are many years left in the current equipment. We consider it would be worth investigating further the construction of a timber pergola type structure to provide shade in the area.

Enquiries into a skate park some months ago came to the conclusion that location and cost made this non-viable. However if Council would like to revisit Sovereign play do offer a supply and install option.

Village security/CCTV (Cllr C O'Reilly and Cllr A Holloway)

Meetings with 3 companies have produced a range of quotes varying from £5360 plus VAT to £9369 plus VAT. However it must be noted that the quotes are not like for like as companies have offered individual solutions. It is also considered that any quote should factor in a £3000 contingency.

Parish Clerk has contacted Cambridgeshire County Council regarding permission to site equipment on the highway and awaits a response.

GDPR regulations would apply.

Any system would be controlled by a Parish Council policy similar if not the same as the current CCTV policy which restricts access to viewing the filming. An alternative may be to place the monitoring equipment with the Police. If Council agrees this is a project to take forward a budget needs to be set before any further work is carried out.

Research into possible grant funding to aid maximising the benefits of CIL money.

Contact with owners of lamp posts will need to be made to establish permission for an electricity spur to be fitted.

Village hall extension (Cllr R Fountain)

Cllr R Fountain has consulted with a local firm of Architects to discuss the feasibility of extending the village hall to provide a stage area. Initial indications show the provisional costings including internal fixtures and fittings as £120,000.