

Recreation ground projects at June 2020

Current projects

Rec access - PC has already claimed £10,000 S106 funds for rec access & spent £7,000 while further spending is on hold while PC considers refurbishing/redesigning car park. Will need to let S106 team know if plans change from original gates and planters.

Staff building – PC has been trying to claim £42,500 towards this project but needs a Deed of Variation to the S106 Agreement (Blenheim Hill development). S106 team has been chasing this, Bloor needs to agree to amendment. Councillor trying to contact original landowner for support for amendment. No funds will be released without this. PC has been proceeding with plans and tenders for the project using reserves but latest costs have put total expenditure up by a minimum £20,000. Amount saved in reserves is around £45,000. No PC expenditure can be claimed back through S106 funds even if these are released. No timescale for release of funds. PC now looking at alternative sources of funding but it will be difficult to secure funding for a building which is solely for PC use.

Future projects

Following articles in HN and previous discussions in 2019/20, the PC wished to consider the following ideas for the rec, to be funded from S106 money where possible – NB Plans were due to be discussed at the APM in April but Covid-19 caused the meeting to be postponed. Now due September 2020, date tbc.

- Toddler play equipment
- Half pipe or skate park
- Permanent football goal not necessarily with all weather surface – IN PLACE 2019
- Pathway/track around rec perimeter - should not be gravel or look urban, should be wheelchair-friendly, should be robust enough to not be affected by car parking eg at Feast, should have 100m markers
- Pump/BMX track near play area/on far side of bank
- Orchard/wildflower area but should not be allowed to look shabby or used by dogs
- Swing-shut gates at each entrance – DONE 2019, styles replaced with gates
- New gym equipment near existing ones

Potential S106 funds available to parish council, not including speculative application (on hold) – Total £344,425. In addition, an on-hold application was made for S106 funding for gym & play equipment but this has to be finalised and re-submitted; it must be for sport/recreational purposes Public Open Space S106 funds of around £151,000 can be used to enhance Public Open Space but may not be available for maintenance only. To apply for S106 money, projects have to be fully planned and costed, with 3 quotes, site plans etc. CIL funding available to council in 2019 £4,540.91 – CIL funding can be spent on roads, schools, health, sport/recreation, open spaces, social facilities etc within 5 years of receipt. The OCC parish allowances scheme application 2019 was refused (upgrade of Westfield path), 2020 funds to be donated to Harwell Helpers & GWPRA Covid-19 support group.

Committee should look at projects below & recommend types of equipment etc so that funding can be applied for.

Agreed/ Potential project	Cost	Source of funds	Notes	Timescale	Later issues
Community orchard/Wildflower area – cost minimal but location needs to be decided. Ongoing maintenance costs high once trees reach maturity. See Sustainable Blewbury .	minimal	Precept/ Woodlands Trust offers free trees in planting packs once project has been decided. TOE/Network Rail currently offering grants for woodland projects although preference is for areas >5ha.	Location– west field from northern bank corner across in sweep to far edge.	2020/21	Plans required for harvesting
Pump track For examples, see Clark & Kent and modular examples from Back on Track.	???	S106 from 2 agreements; 8k R Rd, 2k B Hill Places to Ride is currently offering funding for cycling	Near bank in east field?	2020/21	Apply for S106 funds when have full proposals.

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Running/cycle track around rec perimeter, with distance markers. Replace existing gym equipment and add more pieces, in a circuit around rec. Locations of gym equipment to be decided. Costs from £800 per basic piece, some packages available. S106 funds available/potentially available (any S106 application should include inclusive play equipment). CIL funding could also be used	£800 + per piece of gym eqpt but packages available & prices vary. Track – see Caloo .	S106; £2,005 for youth sport (M View) or request total amount needed from S106 POS funds (total amount available in parish £151,000 but not solely for PC use. Boundary Park has asked for around £55,000 for improvements Possibly resurrect speculative application for S106 funds from A View). CIL?	Location – rec perimeter Maintenance minimal Prev S106 application total £33,347 ON HOLD while PC made final decision on inclusive equipment; £8337 gym £3209 climb wall £20000 skate stuff £1801 basketball	2020/21	Apply for S106 funds when have full proposals.
basketball hoop with all weather surface	£1500 but update quoter	S106 Gr Rd north Also £4,902 S106 (B Hill) & £14,443 S106 (Gr Rd N) for artificial pitches & £13,606 S106 (B Hill) & £33,961 (Gr Rd N) for football	Small area of rec near pavilion?	2021?	VWH holding £18812 Maintenance?

<p>Add play equipment for toddlers and older children. Locations to be decided. Eg Tractor/train climbing/sitting equipment for toddlers (1 internet quote for £5,400, 1 for £20,000), monkey bars for older children – package costs from £1,200 (internet quote) & could be classed as gym equipment. CIL funding available. Add inclusive play equipment – potential S106 funding available but this is not guaranteed – see gym equipment above</p>	<p>Tbc when recommendations made</p>	<p>pitches Precept, grants, possibly S106 Public Open Space money for inclusive play & monkey bars</p>	<p>Location, types tbc LC 27.8.19 – recommends springy/spinner items and train for toddlers, monkey bars & gym equipment for older children. MR drafting proposals/plan.</p>	<p>2021?</p>	<p>Apply for S106 funds when whole project finalised if using POS funds.</p>
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