


<b>Services and Facilities Committee Meeting</b>	 Market Drayton Town Council
<b>Agenda Item: 8.SF Dalelands Play Area</b>	
<b>Date: 26 May 2022</b>	
<b>Appendix : SF11</b>	

## Background

At the services and facilities meeting on the 4 November 2021 it was resolved:

‘To go out to tender for the upgrade of Dalelands Play area with a budget of £101,918.

To allocate £50,000 from the CIL Neighbourhood Fund and £51,918 S106 funding for the project.’

The report stated that the project would be:

- To upgrade Dalelands Play Area and install new metal fencing.
- To redesign the play area; current equipment to be used where possible.
- Design to include toddler, junior and senior play equipment; two pieces with disabled access and one picnic table with disabled access.
- The cycle path to be kept.
- Goalposts and grassed area on bank to be kept.

Following subsequent meetings of the working group they would like to amend their original proposal as set out below.

## New Recommendation

The working group has reconsidered their original plan to upgrade the play area proposes:

- To remove the mound in the middle by leveling out the soil over the grassed area and bike track, which would be removed. This would make a level grassed area where five aside football posts and picnic benches would be installed. It is anticipated that the grassed area would sit slightly higher than the tarmacked play area. Leveling out the ground would enable the whole area to be used.
- To install a new fence and gates.
- To redesign the play area; current equipment to be used where possible. Design to include two pieces of equipment with disabled access and one picnic table with disabled access.

The above could be completed in two phases, the leveling out of the grassed and installation of the fence, followed by the installation of the new play equipment later.

## **Consultation**

A community consultation on the age group and equipment to be installed will help ensure the upgraded play area meets the needs of the local community.

The consultation could also include asking residents if they are supportive of the flattening of the area and removal of the bike track.

Consultation will be via a survey which will be advertised on social media, in local newspapers and schools.

## **For Consideration**

To agree the new recommendations and the appropriate consultation.