



# MELTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Recreation Ground Play Park

**At Full Council's meeting on the 28th September it was made clear that no funding decisions would be made until after the Pavilion is completed. This paper is to provide information on what enhancements could be undertaken when new projects are being considered by the Council for funding.**

The annual [Play Park inspection](#) was carried out in August and the play area has been classified as moderate risk. The overall risk score is governed by the highest risk score detailed in the report in any one finding. The Junior Multi play equipment was classified as moderate risk in this year's inspection, due to the condition of the climbing nets. A quote for the replacement of the nets with installation is £4,107.05.

### **Additional and alternative equipment to be considered:**

Following the presentation given by pupils at Melton Primary School and discussions at the previous Recreation Committee meeting regarding additional play equipment that the children would like to see in our play areas, I have put together some costings for additional equipment:

### **Climbing Net**



Limiting a climbing net to 4 meters high would negate the need for planning permission and could be positioned between the zipwire and MUGA.

Advice is to use a synthetic surface area is installed underneath the nets due to the difficulty in maintaining and grass cutting if using matrix tiles.

	Supply and install 4m high space net	Surfacing Option 1 -Supply and install 72m2 of Bonded Mulch	Surfacing Option 2 -Supply and install 74m2 of grass matrix tiles	
<b>Company 1</b>	£6,614.00	£6,912.00	£4,896.00	
<b>Total</b>		£13,526.00	£11,510.00	
<b>Company 2</b>	£25,000 guide price only.			Asked for quote to be split as prices provided are for additional removal of items
<b>Company 3</b>	£11,512.00			Asked for quote to be split as prices provided for surface and installation have been given as part of complete re-design

### Natural Pump track – for cycling/scooting

Only one company was able to provide ideas on a natural pump track. They advised:

*There are numerous designs available for pump tracks, they do not need to be overly large, a relatively small area can accommodate a very exiting pump track similar to the picture below*



*We recommend starting with three corners and two or three ramps midway between the corners creating a triangular shape, this could be tucked away so as not to encroach onto the field too far. This simple design will provide an ideal starting point and allow you to assess the need for further development of the facility, a simple dirt finish will be ideal to start with to keep the costs down.*

*Once the level of use has been established a development plan can be created which covers design, size and surface finish, a very popular pump track will suffer from soil erosion if a simple soil finish is*

*provided, granite or tarmac may be required to reduce any ongoing maintenance of the ramps and track.*



*The picture above shows a track 15m x 15m x 15m illustrated in red in the corner of the field, to create a small track with three corners and three ramps midway using imported soil.*

**Total cost £5,350.00**

Members would need to consider the insurance implications of a pump track but it could provide a much needed facility.

#### **Wet Pour Repairs**

Cracks have increased in size in the wet pour near the toddler cradle swings along with areas under the double swing and the seesaw. This could be repaired when wet pour is used in other areas of the play park.

Costings from one company have been provided as follows:

<b>Double swing bay, 23 lin mtrs</b>	<b>£1265.00</b>
<b>Cradle swing bay, 9.0 lin mtrs</b>	<b>£495.00</b>
<b>Seesaw bay, 8.0 lin mtrs</b>	<b>£440.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,200.00</b>

#### **Funding**

The PlayPot now stands at just over £5k. As well as using CIL to fund these improvements, further funding could be sought through Grants and District CIL.

A new 'Local Projects Fund' will be open to applications in April 2023 which will involve match funding.

Members are asked to:

- Note and comment on this report

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