

Bowls Green / Play Area Survey summary

We received 18 completed questionnaires – around 10-15% of the total number of properties.

The purpose of this survey was to give the parish council an idea of what the community of Honingham want to see in this area of the village – so a thank you for those that did take the time to complete the questionnaire & to give us some pathways to get this moving forward!

1. As shown in the graph the most popular choice is to have this area kept as grassland and to be a 'village green' type area – some parishioners provided us with some further comments such as 'very keen on a village green for events' 'village green and make use of parking areas around the bowls green & village hall'. This is something as a council we think is a viable option with very little cost to create.
2. The second most popular was to repair any viable play equipment (likely options are slide, seesaw, bench/hut, horse) and to replace those which are likely beyond repair (swings, climbing frame) – lots of different suggestions on this but the following were mentioned:-
 - Monkey bars.
 - Zip line
 - Exercise equipment.
 - Goal posts.
 - Toddler size play equipment/climbing activity centre/ slide for smaller children.
 - Older children activity course (existing one is tired).

Based on these comments, we think the addition of some goals in their previous area is something that's achievable within the budget we have. Forest style activities may serve as a replacement for the climbing frame as they give a variety of activities & are usually at a lower price point than traditional climbing frames etc.

As for the other suggestions, it is likely fundraising would be needed & for us to seek options for grants as the cost of the equipment is greater than our budget! In addition, to comply with regulations, the perimeter fence around the play area will need to be repaired/replaced.

3. Joint third were BBQ areas & outdoor Gym equipment.

BBQ areas didn't receive many specific comments however, the council will look at options. BBQ shelters were mentioned but again they are likely to be costly.

Outdoor gym equipment received lots of yes's but with no real additional comments. We have received (perfectly timed) a brochure for outdoor gyms where the company can supply, deliver & install 4 items for £3696. We see this as a positive and makes this option viable within our budget.

4. Other things to add. Wild flower garden, we've explored the idea of the wild flower garden to perhaps incorporate it with other suggestions of benches/areas to sit. We've already

given the green light for a memorial bench for Rita & think this perhaps would be a suitable location for this.

5. Finally, we had a couple pf mentions for the removal of the remaining wall that separates the bowls green from the existing play area/park. We think this is a good opportunity to start the village working party along with some help from a digger and a skip to remove the rubble. We think this is something that can be achieved by ourselves as a village to keep the costs as low as possible – remember ‘many hands make light work’

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