

Report of the Interim Strategic Director

PRIDE IN PARKS - PLAY AREA AND PARKS/OPEN SPACE IMPROVEMENTS1. Purpose of report

To update members on the proposal to improve Parks and Open Spaces, a scheme which has now been branded and promoted as the Pride in Parks initiative.

2. Background

The 2018/19 Capital Programme includes £250,000 for Play Area and Parks/Open Space Improvements. This funding has been allocated to undertake improvements to the Borough owned play areas that have been identified as high priority sites in the new Play Strategy. Funding has also been allocated to the Town and Parish Councils that maintain their own parks and outdoor recreational facilities to enable improvement and renovation works to be undertaken at these sites. This helps achieve fairness for all with all residents across the borough having the potential to access improved outdoor leisure/recreational facilities. The appendix details the progress achieved to date.

3. Financial implications

The £250,000 has been split with £125,000 allocated to the Borough Council and £125,000 allocated to the Town and Parish Councils.

Recommendation

Committee is asked to NOTE the report.

Background papers

Nil

APPENDIX

1. Broxtowe Borough Council SitesYear 1 2018/19 Schemes

SITE	DETAIL	UPDATE
Broadgate Park, Beeston	Successful bids for funding totalling £59,000	Works now complete and site open
Leyton Crescent Recreation Ground, Beeston	Successful bids for funding totalling £66,000	This is a very large play area and works are due to be completed at the end of September
Jubilee Park, Eastwood	General clean of equipment and surfacing	Works complete
Mansfield Road Recreation Ground Eastwood	This scheme at £26,000 is being funded from a Section 106 allocation from the Rippon Homes Development at Peacock Drive, Eastwood	Equipment has been ordered to replace items that were old and outdated or were broken and had to be removed. Works scheduled for this autumn.
Millfield Road Open Space, Kimberley	Works to increase the size of the play area and provide equipment for a wider age range.	Equipment has been ordered. Works scheduled for this autumn
Redbridge Drive Open Space, Nuthall	The first fully funded 'Pride in Parks' play area	Works complete and play area now open
Central Avenue Recreation Ground, Stapleford	General clean of equipment and surfacing	Works complete
Judson Avenue Open Space, Stapleford	Upgrade of small play area	£15,000 external funding obtained and works complete
Salcey Drive Open Space, Trowell	General clean of equipment and surfacing	Works complete

2. Allocation of funding for Town/Parish Council Sites

There are 6 Town/Parish Councils that manage their own Parks/Recreation Grounds. These are detailed below:

Awsorth Parish Council

- The Lane Recreation Ground
- Shilo Recreation Ground

Brinsley Parish Council

- Brinsley Recreation Ground

Greasley Parish Council

- Beauvale Park
- Greenhills Road Recreation Ground

Kimberley Town Council

- Knowle Park
- The Stag Recreation Ground

Nuthall Parish Council

- Basil Russell Playing Fields
- Temple Centre Recreation Ground

Trowell Parish Council

- Trowell Parish Hall

As part of the funding review all 6 Town/Parish Councils were asked to consider their priorities for work over the next 2 financial years.

The Town/Parish Councils were advised by letter on 5 April 2018 of the amounts for the 2018/19 financial year together with guidance on the sort of schemes that the council would consider as favourable. These included:

- Play Area /Skate Park Improvements
- Improvements to outdoor sports /exercise facilities
- Footpath creation/surfacing
- Improvements to sports pavilions (but not Parish Halls)
- Habitat improvements
- Improvement for disabled access parking (but not full car park surfacing schemes)

Project Update

Awsorth – application submitted to English Cricket Board for works to improve the cricket pavilion at The Lane Recreation Ground. The allocation from the Borough Council will potentially be used as match funding. Parish Council awaiting news on success of funding bid to English Cricket Board. Schemes for additional play

equipment at Shilo Recreation Ground and for pond and habitat improvements at The Lane Recreation Ground.

Brinsley – prices being obtained for additional play equipment for Brinsley Recreation Ground.

Greasley – consideration being given to schemes to improve the play facilities.

Kimberley – scheme approved for works on bowling green at Stag Recreation Ground. Value £7,220, consideration being given to improve the sports pavilion facilities.

Nuthall – one scheme completed and funded to install hand rails to sports pavilion. Value £940. Prices being obtained for improvements to play area.

Trowell – possible schemes being considered.