

Report of the Interim Strategic Director

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

To update members on the Pride in Parks initiative.

2. Background

As originally set out in a report to this Committee on 28 March 2018, the Pride in Parks initiative saw the 2018/19 and 2019/20 capital programmes include £250,000 in each year for play area and parks/open space Improvements. These sums have been allocated to undertake improvements to the Borough owned play areas that have been identified as high priority sites in the Play Strategy and 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.

The objective of this initiative is to help achieve “Fairness for All” with residents across the Borough having the potential to access improved outdoor leisure and recreational facilities. Details of the work that the Borough intends to undertake on its own sites in 2019/20 along with progress of the town and parish councils in utilising the sums allocated to them for both years are set out in the appendix.

3. Financial implications

The £250,000 initially included in the 2019/20 capital programme has been split with £125,000 allocated to the Borough Council and £125,000 allocated to the Town and Parish Councils. The £125,000 allocated to the Borough Council has where possible been supplemented by funding from other sources in order to produce enhanced schemes as shown in the appendix.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to NOTE the proposed schemes in the 2019/20 capital programme as part of the Pride in Parks initiative.

APPENDIX**1. Broxtowe Borough Council Sites**

There are 4 Borough Council sites identified as high priority in the Borough's Play Strategy for which there is budget provision for schemes in the 2019/20 capital programme. The details are as follows:

(i) King George's Park, Bramcote

Following on site consultation, a successful bid to Waste Recycling Environmental (WREN) for £50,000 has allowed a much more expansive scheme to be developed than had been originally envisaged. The 2019/20 capital programme now includes a scheme to the value of £123,850 with funding of £50,000 from WREN, £24,850 from an insurance settlement and £49,000 from the Council's own capital resources.

(ii) Sherman Drive Open Space, Chilwell

The 2019/20 capital programme includes £30,000 from the Council's capital resources towards replacement equipment and surfacing.

(iii) Hall om Wong Open Space, Kimberley

The 2019/20 capital programme includes £20,000 from the Council's capital resources for work at this site. It is proposed to use this funding as the Council's contribution towards a bid to WREN for additional funding to facilitate an enhanced scheme at the site including a wider range of equipment for younger children and the creation of a large area of rubber safety surfacing. The outcome of this bid is expected in autumn 2019 and will be reported to the Committee in due course.

(iv) Hickings Lane Recreation Ground, Stapleford

As reported to the Committee on 23 January 2019, the 2019/20 capital programme includes £165,500 for a scheme to fully refurbish the play area and install a new multi use games area at the site. The cost of the scheme is being met from contributions of £93,500 from WREN, £18,500 from Section 106 receipts, £2,500 from United Living, £1,000 from Stapleford Town Football Club and £50,000 from the Council's own capital resources. The work on the scheme is now nearing completion.

2. Town/Parish Council Sites

There are six Town/Parish Councils that manage their own Parks/Recreation Grounds as follows:

Awsworth 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 Pride in Parks project all 6 Town/Parish Councils were asked to consider their priorities for work over financial years 2018/19 and 2019/20.

The Town/Parish Councils were advised 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)

The Town/Parish Council's also had the option to combine the Year 1 (2018/19) and Year 2 (2019/20) funding as appropriate. Where relevant this is referenced below.

Project Update

(i) Awwsworth

The balance of the Year 1 funding is being used as part of a jointly funded project with the English Cricket Board to improve the cricket pavilion at The Lane Recreation Ground. This project is nearing completion. There will also be a small scheme to undertake pond improvements at The Lane Recreation Ground later this year utilising the balance of the funding.

(ii) Brinsley

Detailed year 2 schemes are yet to be finalised but there are proposals to install new outdoor gym equipment and a wheelchair accessible swing at Brinsley Recreation Ground. Consideration is also being given to improvements to the bowls pavilion at this site.

(iii) Greasley

The year 2 scheme has seen a second phase of play area improvement works at Beauvale Park.

(iv) Kimberley

The scheme for the second year funding is one to improve the play facilities at Knowle Park with a designated fenced area with rubber surfacing for younger children.

(v) Nuthall

A new outdoor fitness area at Basil Russell was officially opened on Sunday 2 June. Options for the balance of the year 2 funding are being considered.

(vi) Trowell

The Parish Council chose to combine the year 1 and year 2 allocations with a scheme to provide new young children's play equipment, outdoor table tennis and a boules court at Trowell Parish Hall. Work is currently in progress.

Summary

Parish/Town Council	2019/20 Allocation	Funding Committed	Funding Spent
Awsorth	£16,452.46	£16,452.46	Nil
Brinsley	£17,983.77	Nil	Nil
Greasley	£28,546.58	£28,546.58	Nil
Kimberley	£25,397.59	Nil	Nil
Nuthall	£29,733.34	£20,276.68	Nil
Trowell	£6,886.26	£6,886.26	Nil
Total	£125,000	£72,161.98	NIL