

**Report of the Interim Strategic Director**

**PRIDE IN PARKS – PLAY AREA AND PARKS/OPEN SPACE IMPROVEMENTS**

1. Purpose of report

To update the Committee on the Pride in Parks initiative.

2. Background

A report to the Leisure and Environment Committee on 12 June 2019 updated members on the Pride in Parks initiative. Funding has 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.

This report details the progress made over the summer period.

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 progress on the schemes in the 2019/20 capital programme as part of the Pride in Parks initiative.**

Background papers

Nil

## 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 FCC Environment (formerly WREN) for £50,000 has allowed a much more expansive scheme to be developed than had been originally envisaged. The 2019/20 capital programme includes a scheme to the value of £123,850 with funding of £50,000 from FCC, £24,850 from an insurance settlement and £49,000 from the Council's own capital resources.

Orders have been placed and work is scheduled to start later this month.

**(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.

Work is currently in progress on this site.

**(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. A bid will be submitted to FCC Environment for £50,000 using this funding together with a further allocation of £11,000 in the 2019/20 capital programme for access improvements at the site as the Council's contribution to facilitate an enhanced scheme. This will include a wider range of equipment for younger children and the creation of a large area of rubber safety surfacing together with path and access improvements. The outcome of this bid is expected in spring 2020 and will be reported to the Committee in due course.

**(iv) Hickings Lane Recreation Ground, Stapleford**

The 2019/20 capital programme included £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 was 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 at this site is now complete with a fully refurbished multi use games area and a state of the art play area. All new facilities have been very well received.

**2. Town/Parish Council Sites**

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

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 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 Councils 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) Awsorth

The balance of the year 1 funding was 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 now complete and there was an opening event on Sunday 8 September 2019. 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.

(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. Orders have been placed for the work which is scheduled for this autumn.

(v) Nuthall

A new outdoor fitness area at Basil Russell was officially opened on Sunday 2 June 2019. Orders have been placed for additional works in the sports pavilion and for irrigation equipment. 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. This work has been completed and there was an official opening on Saturday 17 August 2019.

Summary

<b>Parish/Town Council</b>	<b>2019/20 Allocation</b>	<b>Funding Committed</b>	<b>Funding Spent</b>
Awsorth	£16,452.46	£16,452.46	£13,592.96
Brinsley	£17,983.77	Nil	Nil
Greasley	£28,546.58	£28,546.58	£28,546.58
Kimberley	£25,397.59	£25,397.59	Nil
Nuthall	£29,733.34	£21,931.67	£21,931.67
Trowell	£6,886.26	£6,886.26	£6,886.26
<b>Total</b>	<b>£125,000</b>	<b>£99,214.56</b>	<b>£70,957.47</b>