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Recreation Ground Consultation Event

When: Saturday 26th February 2022, 10am to noon

Where: Sutton Courtenay Village Hall, Hobbyhorse Lane, OX14 4BB

This leaflet sets out a brief background to the upgrade of facilities at the Recreation Ground and invites you to a consultation event at the Village Hall. Based on feedback we now have a concept design and are inviting you to give Sutton Courtenay Parish Council feedback on the types of play equipment you would like to see installed.

Not able to attend the event? – this leaflet also gives you information on how to feedback your views through an online survey.

The Parish Council has considered the provision of recreational facilities across the village to address the needs of an increasing village population. Each of the new housing developments has some built-in green space but not all are equipped areas for play. As part of its longer-term strategy the Parish Council may explore further play provision in the non-equipped spaces subject to funding and consultation with the landowners. The Parish Council is also exploring the potential for recreational provision closer to the older housing development at the southern end of the village.

However, the only large recreational open space in the village, in Parish Council ownership, is the Old Wallingford Recreation Ground. This was last upgraded in 2004. Increasingly the cost of maintenance and repair has been escalating due to the age of the equipment. Therefore, the Parish Council has prioritised its upgrade. This is also in line with the feedback from several village consultations that parishioners would like to see a broader spectrum of facilities at the Recreation Ground. The consultation feedback is summarised overleaf along with links to the plans and online survey.

Report on work to date - Feedback that informed the Concept Design (Plan available to view at www.suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk)

Feedback from Previous Consultations	Concept design includes
Need to upgrade and expand facilities but retain use of Play Area, MUGA, Skate Park and Cricket Practice area	Enhanced facilities in all these areas including a proposed location for a cricket pavilion.
Need for more adventurous play equipment to meet the needs from very young to the older children and young people	A dynamic layout which encourages children to play and explore together and move from one section to another rather than a collection of play equipment. <i>Need feedback on choices of equipment</i>
Facilities for sheltering if raining, and comfortable seating including seating around individual facilities (e.g. MUGA, Skate Park) for spectators	More seating and two shelters have been included. <i>Need feedback on choices of seating and shelter</i>
More activities on the field itself. Running track/marked lanes, outdoor gym and permanent football goals were the most popular suggestions	A running track with outdoor exercise equipment, permanent goal posts for children and young people, upgraded cricket nets and a proposed location for a cricket pavilion.
Use of natural materials as far as possible	The 'look and feel' of all sections been designed to be aesthetically pleasing and in keeping with the rural aspect of the area.
Provision of lights/floodlights (e.g. solar lighting for shelters etc.)	Subject to costs, this could be incorporated in shelters – not included at present
Feedback responses included concerns about dog mess and litter	The Parish Council would encourage users to take litter home to recycle and to increase awareness amongst some dog owners about the impact of not picking up their dog's poo

At present the estimated costs for the project are: Play facilities at the northern end is £232K and for the additional facilities on the field £91K. The Parish Council has been building a pot of money and has access to applicable S106 and CIL. However, there is a shortfall of about £200K for the whole project and councillors have been making grant applications. We await the outcome of one application for a £100K and others are being prepared. Given this, the work may have to be phased.

Now – please feedback your views on the choices of equipment etc. online if you cannot attend 26th February event

For more detailed information, plans and pictures of all equipment please go to at www.suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk and select tab labelled **Recreation Ground**.

Please select the tab labelled **February 2022 Consultation** to give your feedback and follow the link to the survey.