

**Copy of email send to hall management committee from the playing field project team dated 08.01.14.**

Hello All,

This is just a quick resume of the recommendations of the playing field project team to look at before discussion at the committee meeting tomorrow.

**Long Term Projects**

*Tennis Court*

Estimated cost £30,000. An application has been submitted to SCDC Capital Grant Fund for £10,000. Response expected in March.

Other funding possible from:

- Parish Council - £2,000
- Current Sport levy fund - £4,000
- Estimated sport levy from 10 new houses in Mutton Lane - £7,000
- Suffolk County Councillor's locality fund - £2,000
- Biffa or other outside funding - £1,000
- Village hall improvements fund - £2,000
- Village fund raising - £2,000

*Path/running track*

Estimates are being acquired but the idea has been given low priority for now because of uncertain attitude of villagers.

**Short Term Projects**

*Landscaping*

- Landscaping needed for the petanque piste. Lady Cunliffe has offered to raise box hedge plants from cuttings to surround the piste if we pay for the compost and raising pots (estimate £25). As box hedging is an expensive shrub to buy this is a very generous offer. Plants would be ready to set out in the autumn.

*Facilities for Older Children*

Formal structures for older play such as a climbing tented frame structure or wire slide have been abandoned because of cost. However, the most requested facility by village teenagers has been a basket ball area which we would recommend as follows:

- Basket ball hoop unit with heavy duty backboard - £509 incl. VAT + £5 delivery charge.
- Hard play area (9m x 7m) – 2 quotes have been received so far varying between £1,700 and £2,500 + VAT (£2,040 and £3,000) . We have also contacted Landex to see if they would do this for the village. They haven't said "yes", but have made the right sort of comments. However, they said they will not be doing the roads until the end of the build process so it would be some time off. (Unless we can persuade them to divert one of their current cement lorries.)
- Fencing to match small children's play area with the dual purpose of a contained 'kick-about' area and to disguise the hard surface because of its ugly appearance. Cost of fencing + posts <£750 inc. VAT with installation to be done by village volunteers or local fencing man.

*Seating*

It is considered necessary to increase the seating area around the 2 play areas for children and the petanque piste. It is proposed that a small paved area is placed between the southern boundary fence of the basketball area and the piste to accommodate 2 round tables with attached seating in the same style as those on the terrace costing £500 including VAT . Quote awaiting from Jeff Hogan for laying slabs – estimated at £200.

*Picnic and wildlife area*

This to be situated at the bottom SE corner of the field and to include a static brick built BBQ – estimated cost of rack kit approx. £50 and 3 smaller movable benches at a cost of £300 inc. VAT. Again the brick built BBQ to be done by volunteers with possible donation of bricks. After much discussion and research the idea of adults exercise equipment in this area has been abandoned because of cost.

**Total estimate of short term project cost – between approx. £4,380 and £5,340 incl. VAT**

A new idea of extending the current terrace to include a fixed BBQ paved area has been raised for further discussion.

See you tomorrow

Regards,

Sue