

REPORT 23.037
LAVERSTOCK AND FORD PARISH COUNCIL
SUBJECT: Drake Close Play Area – Refurbishment
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1. Report Summary

A report to councillors regarding the proposed refurbishment of Drake Close Play Area.

2. Background

The play equipment at Drake Close has become worn and in a general state of poor repair. Wiltshire Council have historically maintained the site, however it was agreed that Laverstock & Ford Parish Council would undertake (as part of an agreement to manage all play areas on the BDF estate), the replacement and maintenance of the play area equipment at Drake Close.

3. Summary

Quote's for refurbishment of the play area were requested from established playground installers. Three quotes were received and ranged from £34k, £24k and £15k. The best quote in terms of price and utility was received from Redlynch Leisure (RL). Two option were proposed by RL, the first option to include two springers and the second option to include an above ground tunnel (in place of the springers). Both options were within the £15k price quoted by RL.

An additional benefit of the proposed refurbishment is the installation of a footpath from Drake Close to the Hampton Trail (as shown on the diagram at Fig 1.)

4. Conclusions

The proposal from Redlynch Leisure was considered at the Operations Committee meeting on the 23rd February 2023. The Ops committee considered the merits of the Springers versus the Above Ground Tunnel. It was agreed that the inclusion of springers enabled two items of play equipment and that the tunnel may present issues with cleaning and maintenance with soil and mud accumulating in the tunnel from normal use.

5. Recommendations

Following considerations of the options, the Ops committee recommends the appointment of Redlynch Leisure to refurbish the play area - option one - (two springers in the installation).

Fig 1.

