

PLAYING FIELDS PLANNING – Q+A Session - 6TH MARCH 2022.

Attendees Name(s)	House no.
	Aylwards Way
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	Bungalow Aylwards Way
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Clr Ben Sangster	Aylwards Way
Clr P Graves	Church Hill
	Aylwards Way
Gail Foster - Clerk	Heathman Street
* - Consulted by phone on evening 5 th March with Gail	



Positive Feedback from individuals:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Something is being done to improve the facilities for children. Have been lacking for a while. • Zipwire will be very popular and also suitable for adults. • Facility looks exciting and will probably raise my house price as it will be more desirable for a family to live here. • Glad that proper fencing will go alongside the carpark to deter (but probably not prevent) un-authorized encampments. • Carparking space is being maximised for safety and to alleviate congestion when football teams play. • Relieved that no re-surfacing is being considered in the carpark and will remain as road planings. • Relieved that no tarmac areas are proposed for overflow parking when the playing fields are used for big events. 	
Questions asked:	Answers given:
Will the specific areas be fenced?	There are currently no plans to do this as there are no safety requirements for it. Cost is also a consideration and council would prefer not to spend on fencing and then ongoing maintenance if not required. However, if dog mess becomes a problem in the future, then this decision may be revisited.
Playground equipment, is there an age limit?	No, but older children will automatically be drawn to the zipwire rather than traditional playground apparatus. We cannot put an upper age limit on equipment as we have no way of enforcing it anyway We are ensuring that there is apparatus suitable for toddlers and very young children as well.
The area for the playground looks so big.	The equipment needs spacing in between and will not be densely packed in. There are currently no plans for fencing it, and the surfacing will remain as grass, with small areas of rhino-mulch under each piece of equipment. (as per safety regs.) The space will not be “filled” and will still look open.
Why is the weather shelter needed?	It has been offered free from the NWSC Charity with the intention to be used by: Dog Walkers, Football spectators, parents supervising children, younger teenagers as somewhere to go. It is not costing the council or residents anything.
Concerns raised:	Action / Mitigation to be considered:
Extra Traffic generated through Aylwards Way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check questionnaire to understand how many people in the village walk / drive to the playing fields currently, and how many would additionally come if improvements are made. • Ask HCC for a sign saying “children playing” near the entrance to Aylwards Way. • Add area to 20mph speed limit review list with HCC.
Car park is sometimes is muddy and cars get stuck	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific area next to the garages is bad and cars are occasionally towed out. Should include hardcore under road planings in the plans.
Any improvements will increase people coming from other areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The improvements are designed for local people (including the far reaches of the parish) who already use the open space. It is accepted that some people from outside the village will visit, but this cannot be prevented. We have all taken children to parks in other villages.

<p>May attract the wrong sort of people and anti-social behaviour. Cars of young people, drinking and lighting fires are already experienced, this may increase.</p>	<p>This is an existing very occasional problem, but steps should be taken to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure access is only on foot so that cars can't be driven to the far end of the playing field. • If the nuisances are from young people in the village, then names can be taken and words had with parents. • If the problem becomes frequent, then consider a PSPO making the anti-social activities an offence.
<p>People using the all-weather track will look into our gardens</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move placement of the track away from the boundary hedges, leaving enough space for the gang mower to get round. (16ft?) • Clarify if the mower/tractor can go over the track in specifically reinforced places. • Investigate using a ride-on mower to keep the strip between boundaries and track well mown. (could be kept in the shed.)
<p>The placement of the weather shelter is obtrusive and ruins our view and the open space.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider if it can be placed somewhere else which is more acceptable. • Put suggestions on map. • Check height and if it will already be partially hidden by trees. (between 2.4-2.6m at apex. (4.5m hexagonal.) • Consider if some extra planting could help soften the view.
<p>The placement of the weather shelter means we will see any anti-social behaviour which has traditionally gone on in the awning of the pavilion which doesn't affect residents.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider if screening or softening the view might help. • See if any councillor/volunteer might be willing to address anti-social behaviour if it starts. • Contact police for advice on handling ASB • Research PSPO implementation
<p>Gates on the current playarea area metal and close with a loud bang.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure any gates are silent (soft closing) if possible. • Aim to ensure that the only noise generated is from children/people using the park rather than apparatus or fixtures.
<p>The play equipment recently installed at Middle Wallop camp has a high platform with no sides. Children have already fallen off.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that any high platforms have "sides" or barriers to prevent accidental falls.
<p>Placement of the all-weather track is too close to residents' boundary hedges. Noise from people walking past and lack of privacy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move track further into the field away from residential boundaries. • Amend maps to show other possibilities (get quotes on length) • Check with contractor regarding cutting limitations. • Investigate using a small ride-on mower for "tidying up cutting" that large mower can't access. (we have 5 volunteers already!) • Shed next to pavilion could be used to house a ride-on mower.