

New Playground Equipment Update 13th May 2024

Summary

Following a request from residents it was agreed that Betchworth Parish Council would look to purchase an additional item of playground equipment utilising CIL funding. A small working party was set up with 2 members of the public and Betchworth Parish Council representation. 3 Companies were engaged and invited to provide estimates with recommendations of what play equipment could be installed in the area.

Betchworth Parish Council have been updated all through the process through site meetings and formally at Parish Council meetings and have agreed the following:

- The play equipment of choice is a 1m scramble net (no matting is required beneath)
- The worn existing matting under the swings will be replaced with grass matting (with a maintenance program in place utilising volunteers and Josh Flynn Gardening, this is to be devised)
- Stepping logs are to be placed in a S Shape which will be sourced locally with Re-Betchworth to the right of the slide
- A new seating area such as a bench to be purchased position to be agreed
- Playdale is our preferred supplier following the review of other suppliers and recommendations from existing customers

MVDC have been informed of our wish to add to the play provision and have approved the intention and have agreed that they will incorporate any changes to the playground area into their annual inspection.

In order to move forward with this project and to ensure that we are ready for the summer to ensure that the children can benefit from the new play equipment this year, a revised quotation from Playdale has been requested and received (see Appendix A) and at the 13th May 2024 meeting **we will be looking for approval to give Playdale the go ahead and pay the 50% deposit to secure the estimate and get an installation date** at which point a project plan will be drawn up. **Please note that the seating area and stepping logs will be pursued separately but in conjunction with this project and brought to Council for further approval when required.**

Maintenance and Upkeep

We currently have a Councillor who inspects the playground on a weekly basis together with an annual independent inspection by Mole Valley. This will continue with the new play equipment in place. A grass maintenance programme will need to be put in place and include annual re-seeding, regular watering and forking to aerate the soil to keep the worn patches under control. This will be done in conjunction with volunteers and Josh Flynn Gardening Services and when we are aware of an installation date the plan will be put in place and agreed.

Cost

A budget of £9000 has been approved and assigned to this project and will be monitored in line with the financial regulations by the Clerk/RFO. CIL funding will be used for this project. When purchased this will be added to the asset register and reserves will be put in place for ongoing maintenance.

Appendix A : Quotation from Playdale which we are seeking approval.

Your Quote

Quotation Number: 0000093673

Product Code	Product Name	Quantity	Unit Price	Total
Important: This Quote is Subject to the Below Terms This quote is subject to a plan re-draw. We always recommend that Swings are positioned in corners due to the nature of the the unit. Traffic flow should always be directed away from the Swing. Due to the hazardous positioning of the Swings on this site we would thoroughly recommend the use of Swing Barriers. Should you wish for us to quote for them in this instance, you would require 1 barriers at an installed cost of £320.05. Equipment positioning is subject to receiving service plans (gas/electric/water/phone etc) - Please visit www.linsearchbeforeudig.co.uk or consult your Playdale Area Sales Manager for further details.				
Equipment				
SCL/A/S	Timber Scramble Climber A (Net/Logs) - SGF*	1.00	1,432.00	1,432.00
Surfacing				
GRSL011	Black Grasslok Surfacing (30-150m2)	36.00	32.00	1,152.00
Ancilliary Items				
DEL008	Removal of foundation spoil, pallets, packaging and general rubbish.	1.00	462.30	462.30
DEL010	Container for on-site storage	1.00	925.00	925.00
DEL011	Welfare Facilities	1.00	350.00	350.00
Delivery & Installation				
DEL0002	Delivery & Installation	1.00	2,518.49	2,518.49
		NET	GBP 6,839.79	

All the above prices are subject to VAT and are valid for a period of one month.

Please refer to our standard Terms & Conditions and our Additional Information.

Standard payment terms are 50% deposit paid within 7 days of placing an order.

Finance packages are available.



Appendix B

[Click here for the original documentation which was presented at November meeting showing all of the suppliers.](#)