

## **Revised Playpark Quotes – Update for PC Meeting, March 2022**

### Summary

- Revised quotes have been requested from the four companies who gave quotes previously. One quote has been received to date, although all companies plan to submit revised quotes – see table of suppliers.
- Westwood and Monkton Farleigh have both installed new equipment recently and have provided some feedback in light of their experiences.
- The Wiltshire Council Leisure Strategy and Play Officer has been contacted for any advice but no response to date.
- A list of potential funding sources has been received from Playdale and this is being considered.
- Consideration is being given to how best to consult on potential ideas.



## Suppliers

Playforce <a href="http://Playforce.co.uk">Playforce.co.uk</a> Ben Shears	Should supply revised quotes week beginning 28 February.		Suggests steel 'feet' that would go into the ground.
Sovereign <a href="http://Sovereignplayequipment.co.uk">Sovereignplayequipment.co.uk</a> Neil Hudson	Revised quote provided.	<b>8 pieces of equipment + stepping stones</b> <b>£23,211.81</b> Equipment      £12,428.39 Surfacing – rubber mulch under all equipment      £6962.56 Removal of old equipment      £2113.00 Welfare/security      £1707.86	Rubber mulch under all equipment
Playdale <a href="http://www.playdale.co.uk">www.playdale.co.uk</a> Adam Armstrong	Linda, Graham & Selina met with Adam. Follow up Teams meeting on 14 March.		Equipment would have steel feet that go into the ground (apart from shorter 'stepping stones').
Kompan <a href="http://www.kompan.co.uk/playground/nature-play/robinia-obstacle-course-equipment">www.kompan.co.uk/playground/nature-play/robinia-obstacle-course-equipment</a> Thomas Griffiths	Should be in touch week beginning 28 February.		Website provides option for buying equipment with steel 'feet'.

Two companies have given approximate lead times from ordering to installation of 8-12 weeks.

### Meeting with Adam Armstrong from Playdale

- Adam proposes replacing the activity trail with a similar style trail, plus an additional 'up & over' climbing piece of equipment.
- All wooden posts would have steel 'feet' to prevent damage to wooden posts, although these could still be affected by strimmer damage over time.
- Shorter 'stepping stones' between equipment would either be wooden posts or rubber posts straight into the ground.
- To put a surface under the whole area would cost in the region of an additional £10,000.
- All Playdale equipment is manufactured in the UK – lead times of around 12-14 weeks at the moment. Adam suggested checking on other companies lead times – if equipment from other companies is manufactured overseas lead times could be longer.
- They can provide a list of possible grant awarding organisations – The Landfill Communities Fund was suggested if we're within 10 miles of a licensed landfill site (*Winsley is about 9 miles from Westbury landfill*).
- A Teams meeting has been arranged with Adam to review proposals and the quote at 12.30pm on Monday 14 March – I'll forward the link.
- The current equipment is made by Playdale, installed approximately 20 years ago.

#### Information from Ros Griffiths, Community Engagement Manager

- Both Westwood PC and Monkton Farleigh PC have replaced play equipment in the past couple of years – both received grants from the Area Board (£5000 and £3000 respectively). The maximum the Area Board can award is £5000.
- Daniel Gleeson (Leisure Strategy and Play Officer) at Wiltshire Council would be a good point of contact for advice and other potential funding opportunities [Daniel.Gleeson@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:Daniel.Gleeson@wiltshire.gov.uk)

#### Information from Westwood Parish Council, Roger Coleman (Clerk)

They've bought new pieces of equipment from Sovereign, having obtained three quotes. They've spent £15,000 on swings and surfacing, and will spend a total of about £56,000 once more pieces of equipment are installed this summer. They've funded this by raising money through the precept over several years and with an additional £5000 from the Area Board. They didn't apply for other funding, considering (in light of previous experience) that the long process of application was not worth the effort & likely rejection.

They are happy with the equipment and work of Sovereign, but noted that there were some initial issues with sub-contractors not turning up when expected and the project needed someone from the council to manage it. They carried out a consultation through the School, working with the headteacher, who asked pupils to come up with ideas having looked at catalogues etc. This information was also submitted to the Area Board.

Remember to update information on new play equipment with insurers.

Could contact councillor George Mumford: 01225 864264 for further information.

#### Information from Monkton Farleigh Parish Council, Sally Rowe (Clerk)

"We got our new play park equipment for Broadstones estate in early 2020 and we used DBD Play which seemed to give the most value for money at the time for what we wanted. We got a grant for £3500 from the Area Board and then Parish Council matched that funding so the cost was around £7000.

As the two councillors that started the ball rolling have children there was no official consultation but more of an informal consensus of opinion by other parents on the estate that it would be good to get new equipment as the old equipment had worn out and had to be removed."



