

To consider prices for work associated with new bins, benches and football pitch – PC Meeting November 2023

Background

Unfortunately, funds raised from the crowdfunding initiative were not sufficient for the main priorities motivated by a Residents' survey and this caused a delay. Further funding has recently been secured from WCC and this autumn will now see further developments. There are three aspects to the improvements, as follows:

There will be new benches, bins and picnic tables (it is hoped that one picnic table will have an accessibility adaptation).

A smaller sized football pitch and goalposts (part funded by The Football Foundation) suitable for primary school age children, older 5/6 aside and even walking football (which is aimed at ladies over 40 and men over 50 and an excellent way of staying fit and healthy).

Planting of native trees, including two larger Memorial trees (this work has already been ordered). See separate report for more details on tree planting and associated works.

Quotations

Three quotations were invited (from AVA Recreation, Infinity Playgrounds and Vita Play). The closing date for quotations was before the PC meeting on 7 November. At the time of writing this report (4 November) the only quotation received was from Infinity Playgrounds.

To date Infinity Playgrounds and AVA Recreation have asked if they can produce a quote without the football pitch line marking included, as it is not something they provide.

Enquiries have now been made with a couple of local specialist firms.

It is expected that quotations from AVA Recreation and Vita Play will also be received before the meeting to allow an initial comparison.

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- It is resolved that the Clerk and Cllr Kirkby are authorised to accept the lowest compliant price from the 3 contractors noted above
- The Clerk urgently places an order and asks contractor to confirm the start date