

## RFO REPORT TO RESOURCES COMMITTEE

### 9 JULY 2019

#### SANDGATE PARK

- 4.1 MUGA: nothing to report
- 4.2 Play equipment: Harmer's report previously circulated.
- 4.3 Fitness equipment: nothing to report
- 4.4 Caretaker's report: previously circulated. Litter during school holidays and hot weekends continues to be a problem but is generally resolved quickly.
- 4.5 Furniture and signage: report of site visit as follows:

Issue	Action by
Bin to be located at appropriate location in the car park	VH
Blue "P" parking sign to be erected on post at entrance	VH
"Please park adjacent to hedge" signs (x3) to be created and posted appropriately	VH
Replacement trees: one at north end of car park the other adjacent to toilet block	VH
Move big "Welcome to Sandgate Park" sign from noticeboard area to car park gate area	VH
"Say no to strangers" sign to be replaced with something more friendly/modern	VH
Rules poster to be created at appropriate size with following information WELCOME TO SANDGATE PARK [with crest] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please respect your park and use the bins or take rubbish home</li> <li>• Dogs should be on leads unless in the dog run area</li> <li>• Please clean up after your dog – bags and bins are provided</li> <li>• Please respect other users and use equipment as it is designed for</li> </ul> Please report any issues to the Parish Council, 01303 248563 or <a href="mailto:clerk@sandgatepc.org.uk">clerk@sandgatepc.org.uk</a>	VH
Step to toilet block to be created	VH
Toilets to be delivered to VH and then fixed to corners of hard standing	PS/VH
MUGA fence panels: 2 need welding or replacing depending on costs	VH
Branches overhanging main path need trimming	VH
Valley Road hedge: to be machine cut in September with areas around paths cut by hand on next visit	VH
Bins: to be tidied up or replaced	VH
Pathway between 8 Valley Road and Chichester Road to be tidied up by KCC	PS
Bin sticker "Includes dog poo" or similar to be produced and applied	TP
Zip line signage to be created saying This zip line is designed for children aged 6-16 years and for single riders.	VH
Create sign for "Children's play area: no dogs" to be hung on both sides of the railings in the play area.	VH

Battery Point: please supply a quote for digging out/preparing bed for herbaceous border	VH
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- 4.6 Dog run: nothing to report
- 4.7 Boules pitch: no comment.
- 4.8 Car park: car park enforcement contract signed
- 4.9 Toilets: an order was placed but the contractor subsequently advised that no units were available after all. Alternative suppliers are being sought.

### **GRANVILLE PARADE TOILETS**

We are receiving frequent complaints about the state of the toilets mostly as a result of the equipment failing. The contractor has provided costs as follows:

- Replacement with internal element only: £1720 per unit
- Replacement of complete unit: £2740 per unit

Three units need attention and whilst the cost is high the RFO recommends that three complete units be purchased and installed. This would continue to be within the budgetary regime.

### **BUDGET 2019-20**

The following documents are attached:

- List of payments since 1 April 2019
- Budget monitor
- Bank reconciliation

### **TWO YEAR INVESTMENT OPTIONS**

The RFO has explored a large number of options to invest most of the PWLB in government protected two year fixed investments. The results are summarised below:

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Bank & Clients	0.1%	No fixed rate investments on offer
Access Rate Bonds	n/a	Only for individuals
MetroBank	1.9%	One year only, would need to reinvest in one year's time
Raisin UK	n/a	Only for individuals
MyCommunityBank	n/a	Only for individuals
OakNorth	n/a	Only for private limited companies and limited liability partnerships.
Investec	n/a	Various options were reviewed but nothing was suitable for a local authority
In addition to the above a number of Sharia Law compliant banks were quoting competitive rates. However the nature of such investments do not appear to be genuinely guaranteed fixed rate. Further the matter has also been referred to FHDC who are currently considering the possibility.		

**INFORMATION**

We received a further reminder about promoting the Chichester Hall farmers' market.  
The Committee is invited to comment.

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