

Deputy Clerks Report December 2023

December updates in blue. No recommendations.

1. Trim Trail Replacement at Broadclyst Play Park.

Report detail:

The trim trail in the play park in Broadclyst has come to the end of its life. It has not passed inspection. It has been in situ for roughly 15 years plus, well played with and very popular with children of all ages.

I have approached the following play equipment suppliers for a quote.

Creative Play – awaiting designs.

Sovereign Play - awaiting designs.

Dragon Play – Site visit scheduled.

Rhino Play - Site visit scheduled.

Recommendation to Council:

- i. that the Council agree a budget for the project and delegate to the Deputy Clerk to complete the project.
- ii. Or wait for all designs quotes to come back in, then pick a design and set a budget.

Update: Part B of this Meeting

2. Basketball Court Upgrades

Report detail:

A group of Residents (teenagers) approached asking for upgrades to the Basketball court area on the recreation field. After a few emails, the Clerk and I met up with the young people to discuss options that would suit everyone.

We met up with Callum and his dad along with Mr. Crispin who is a PE Basketball teacher from the village. After discussing what would be suitable, we agreed that a non-adjustable hoop system would work best along with, if possible, extending the tarmacked area.

Callum explained that there is a real need for this upgrade. The basketball court area is well used after school by members of local teams who live in the parish. The proposed upgrades would be used by all children and would be a real community benefit for the children.

We looked at other possible locations to site the basketball court, but nothing was suitable. The option of putting a hoop at Clyst Vale was discussed but would not work due to access issues. The current location is preferred due to being in a central position, no cars, or other dangers.

I have asked for advice from Basketball England but despite two emails, I've had no response.

Two play companies have come out for site visits and will be submitting ideas to improve the area. Two more companies have been approached for site visits.

The tarmacked surface could be increased in size, this would require a company coming in to dig out the extended area and re-tarmacking the basketball area. A separate cost. I have approached a local tarmac company for a quote and heard nothing back.

Recommendation to council:

1. Set a budget for work to be carried out to increase the surface area, replace the backboard and net along with new line markings (can be done in-house) with delegation to the Deputy Clerk for the project.
2. Replace just the backboard and net and install new line markings. (can be done in-house)
3. Replace just the backboard and net.

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3. Memorial & Replacement Bench

Report detail:

Vandals have recently damaged beyond repair the popular bench near Martinsfield Farm. The bench needs to be replaced. It is also proposed to buy a second bench with a memorial plaque on the bench. The location of the bench needs to be agreed with the farmer. The National Trust has given permission for the benches if the Council undertakes all the work and retains liability for the future maintenance of them.

Memorial plaques can be purchased from Amazon.

Quote 1. www.tdp.co.uk/product-category/commemorative-benches/

Made from recycled 100% plastic. Last longer and is easier to maintain. Suitable for all locations.

1200mm, Brown £330.24 excluding VAT + soft anchor kit £81.50 + Plaque £43.87 Total cost including VAT £521.67

1500mm, Brown £385.54 excluding VAT + soft anchor kit £65.20 + Plaque £43.87 Total cost including VAT £588.02

1800mm Brown £558.55 excluding VAT + soft anchor kit £65.20 + Plaque £43.87 Total cost Including VAT £683.93

Free delivery

Quote 2. [Maintenance-Free Park Bench | Sustainable | Comfortable \(dcwpolymers.co.uk\)](http://dcwpolymers.co.uk)

The Falmouth Maintenance free park bench. 100% Recycled plastic, weather & vandal resistant. Made locally in Devon.

156 x 56x 95cm £420.00 including VAT.

No options for a memorial plaque. Will need to source memorial plaque.

Click & collect is free or pallet delivery = £240.00

Quote 3. [Phoenix® Recycled Material Seat with Free Delivery - Glasdon UK](#)

Phoenix recycled seat, weather, and vandal resistant. Brown colour. Memorial plaques are available and included within this price of £686.39 excluding vat or total cost £823.67.

1800mm Brown without memorial plaque £585.00 excluding VAT Total cost £702.00 Free delivery.

Update: Bench quote has been agreed, final location needs to be agreed with the Farmer and NT.

4. Site Meeting with Green Square Management Company at Westclyst.

After a site meeting with a rep from the management company, we walked around the country park to look at the stone paths. The management company has agreed to top up the stone around the paths and sort the edge where the grass meets the stone. If we experience any more problems, please let me know.

5. Baby Bank Christmas Gift Bag Referral Scheme

From 2020, Broadclyst Food Bank clients can be referred to the Baby Bank for Christmas gift bags. The bags contain small gifts for families that are struggling. The gift bags are collected and given out in the beginning of December.

As well as Christmas bags, our families receive food hampers from the Reformed Church in town. This is well received by our clients.

This concludes my report to Council.

Natasha Curwood

Broadclyst Parish Council Deputy Clerk

30 November 2023