

St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council

Report #06.2

Rodbourne Road Playground - Phase 2

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To invite council to approve the second phase of the Rodbourne Road playground upgrade which requires ground levelling and grass seeding to a section of the site.

2. Background

- 2.1 The council, in support of local residents, has agreed to improve the facilities at the Rodbourne Road playground. Two well attended meetings have been held with residents to establish the type of equipment that would be suitable for a wide age-range of children. To inform these meetings, four playground equipment companies were approached and have provided options that have been distilled into a suitable specification that has the support of residents. This specification will need to be the subject of a comprehensive report to council and subsequently, if agreed, a formal tender process.

- 2.2 Whilst all four companies proposed slightly different equipment options, the common view was that the existing grass area (16m x 15m) needed to be levelled and grassed to allow equipment to be safely installed to current safety regulations and standards. Regardless of whether the council decide to move to phase 3 of the project, the existing grass area needs this work to be completed because the existing surface is sloping and badly rutted and likely to cause accidents.

- 2.3 Two companies were approached to undertake this ground work using the specification below -
 - scrape off top surface and grade to the level of the lowest area
 - the lower area to be compacted with subsoil
 - the previous grass area will be covered with new topsoil
 - all final levelling will be hand-raked before the grass seed is sown
 - leave the site clean and tidy

3. Options

- 3.1 To consider the proposal unnecessary.
- 3.2 To support the proposal and to select one of the quotations in 4 below.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The cost of this proposal will be funded from the council's CIL contributions. The two quotations are listed below and exclude VAT

Company A	£3,270
Company B	£1,860

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 The council is recommended to support Option 3.2 and to select the successful company.