

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

COALVILLE SPECIAL EXPENSES WORKING PARTY - TUESDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2018

Title of report	CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE
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Purpose of report	To update members with regards to Capital Projects within the Coalville Special Expense Area
Recommendations	1. THAT THE WORKING PARTY NOTE THE PROGRESS UPDATE ON THE 2018/19 CAPITAL PROJECTS

1.0 2018/19 CAPITAL PROJECTS

1.1 **Owen Street Recreation Ground Floodlights - £55,000 (£50,000 S106 and £5,000 CTFC)**

This work has now been completed and the item will be removed from further reports.

1.2 **Thringstone Miners Social Centre Training Pitch – £7,431**

At their AGM, the training pitch project was identified as a priority action for the forthcoming year by the trustees. At the last meeting of the trustees issues were highlighted regarding the financial stability of the football club which the chair is attempting to resolve. Consequently this is a priority for the trustees and once resolved, it will allow them to progress with the training pitch project. Whilst no further meetings of the trustees has taken place since the last working group meeting, the next meeting is scheduled for early November.

1.3 **Coalville Forest Adventure Park – Balance £14,614 (£4,814 S106 funding and £9,800 external funding)**

The picnic area and benches have been installed as has the children's play equipment, the improved signage, and bird boxes. Additional planting has been sourced and will be undertaken during autumn, as will the creation of an additional path and a 3-2-1 jogging circuit.

1.4 **Melrose Road Play Hub - £4,000**

Legal Services have been instructed to obtain a Permissive Footpath Agreement. Once in place, the path will be created.

1.5 **Coalville Park**

1.5.1 **Green Flag Award - £3,000 (£1,500 CSE and £1,500 external funding)**

Achievement of the Green Flag Award has been included in the 2018/19 Council Delivery Plan. Discussions have taken place with a Green Flag assessor who will support the council on this journey and has visited the site to meet staff and offer recommendations.

The quarterly tasks for the award are:-

- Quarter 1 - Identify improvements to be made to gain the award, and seek approval for proposals and costs from the Coalville Special Expense Working Party and Cabinet:-
£1,500 has been secured from the Bardon Community Fund to allow for £3,000 of improvements, including signage, seating and litter bins. Work has commenced on delivery of these.
- Quarter 2 - Establish a community based group to support the management of the park and seek to place the park in trust:-
26 people have expressed an interest in being involved in the group. These will be invited into a meeting where the group will be developed with aims and objectives and with a view to moving forward.
- Quarter 3 - Develop a Management Plan for the park:-
This will highlight how the park will be managed and will also include a fluid and costed Improvement Plan to evidence ongoing investment and continuous improvement in the area. This will allow the Working Group to allocate budgets to improvements on an annual basis.
- Quarter 4 - Undertake the accreditation process:-
Applications are accepted annually with a deadline of 31 January 2019.

1.5.2 **Fields in Trust**

Coalville Park has now been granted trust status as part of the Centenary Fields programme which honours the memory of those who lost their lives in World War One. A Deed of Dedication has been signed and an application submitted to the Land Registry. Once registered, a photoshoot will be arranged with the plaque to formally notify residents and to recognise the centenary link to WW1. This item will be removed from the agenda.

1.6 **Lillehammer Drive**

The MUGA has now been removed and the area fenced off pending it being landscaped during autumn. In advance of this, residents are being engaged on the proposed landscaping scheme, along with the ASB team. All commuted S106 funds have been received and these are:-

- Informal Open Space Contribution - £4,750.00 – this is to undertake the one-off works required to turn the area into an open space
- Planting Area Maintenance Contribution - £2,500.00 – this is to be used to maintain the area on an annual basis
- Open Space Maintenance Contribution - £35,470.00 – this is for further maintenance of the open space if required, and for either the provision of a MUGA or another purpose that serves the needs of the development providing approval for this is agreed in writing by Barratt's

1.7 **London Road Closed Cemetery - £4,500 (£2,250 CSE and £2,250 external funding)**

The application to Bardon Community Fund was successful for £2,250 and improvement works within the area have commenced. These include general grounds maintenance and the pruning of hedges and trees. Further works to be undertaken include path improvements, additional seating and the installation of litter bins.

In addition, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission have confirmed that no funding is available to restore headstones that are unrelated to war graves.

1.8 **High Street – Hanging Baskets**

A request has been received to consider having hanging baskets along High Street in order to help brighten up the area. Members may want to consider the following-:

- Hanging baskets would be in situ from May until October
- The cost of each hanging basket would be £70.
- The existing brackets that have previously been used for Christmas trees would support hanging baskets if in suitable condition.
- There are currently 18 brackets in situ although these aren't consistent with their heights, they aren't on all shop fronts, and they are generally higher than you would have a hanging basket.
- Permission would need to be sought from the shop owners for brackets to be replaced and for hanging baskets to be displayed.

The Cultural Services Team Manager has suggested in her report that all brackets should be replaced if being used for Christmas trees and the cost of this would be £25 per bracket. To include an arm that would securely hold a hanging basket would increase this cost by approximately £15-£20.

Assuming that all brackets were in situ then the cost of 18 hanging baskets would be £1,260.