

## **HAWKWELL PARISH COUNCIL – MAGNOLIA PARK**

### **1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1. Members will recall that this item was referred up to full Council by Community Safety Sub Committee at its meeting on 30 January, with a request for layout plans and additional information on the proposal.
- 1.2. The original report to Community Safety Sub Committee, a copy of which is included on this agenda, sought joint funding from the Council for the play area.
- 1.3. At the Council meeting on 23 January, it was resolved that provision be made for:-

“The joint funding with Hawkwell Parish Council for a teen village in Magnolia Park, subject to the agreement of the Parish Council, residents and potential users of the scheme”.

(Minute 15 Capital Programme 1(iv)(b) refers).

### **2 TEEN SHELTER**

- 2.1. The Council's Community Safety Officer and the local Police are very positive with regard to the provision of a teen shelter as a meeting place for young people who have been gathering in the park for some years.
- 2.2. Consultation letters have been sent to 57 local residents in Magnolia Road, Rectory Road and Devon Gardens. The results are attached at Appendix 1 to this report.
- 2.3. Following the publication of an article in the local press, a letter of support was received from 34 young people within the community.
- 2.4. Attached at Appendix 2 to this report is a plan showing the location of the shelter in relation to the nearest residential properties and a picture of the proposed structure.
- 2.5. The reasons for the siting of the shelter are:-
  - To take it as far as possible from the nearest residential property
  - To keep noise levels as low as possible
  - Encourage young people away from children's play area

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- To keep it in view of anyone in the recreation field or car park and from the neighbouring houses.
- 2.6. The total cost of the teen meeting point, inclusive of delivery, installation, groundworks and edging is £7,759.00.
- 2.7. Correspondence has been received from the Parish Council which provides Members with further information in respect of this project (see Appendices 3 and 4). The Parish Council has requested matched funding; the cost to the District Council would, therefore, be £3,880.

### **3 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1. Teen shelters have been erected in a number of areas throughout the country. They provide an area for young people to congregate and have generally had a positive impact on crime and disorder issues. There is currently one such shelter in the District at Sutton Court Drive, which has been generally regarded as successful.

### **4 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1. As a result of the resolution passed at the Council meeting of 23 January, mentioned in paragraph 1.3 above, budget provision for this item is now included in the Capital Programme.

### **5 PARISH IMPLICATIONS**

51. This is a facility situated wholly within Hawkwell Parish Council area.

### **6 RECOMMENDATION**

It is proposed that the Council determines its view on this request.

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