

Joint Buckden Parish Council & Village Hall Trust liaison meeting
Wednesday 20th July 2022 &.30 via Zoom
Notes

Attendees: Matt Beldam, Cynthia Alers, Caroline Underwood, Sue Ashwell,

This was a single item agenda to discuss **installation of further play equipment**.

CU had met with Amy Burbidge and Elaine Scott to discuss the play/recreational equipment installation. CU sent the ideas to CA, MB and SA and CA responded as below.

1. I agree that the MUGA/hard court needs a refurb and should be a priority. I have asked a few people using it, including the preschool, and they all said it was a great all around facility but needed upgrading. We have met stiff resistance from the footballers for some unknown reason.
2. I would like to do something more ambitious in the area behind the bowls club – maybe a very large climbing frame. But they are expensive (£30k+). Table tennis is fine as an interim measure but keeping the paddles to hand will be a struggle. Who will store them etc?
3. Timber fitness trails – yes, lovely idea and was always part of our vision for the Valley
4. Moving storage containers and repurposing that area – let's link that to the Bowls Club area and think how to use this larger space more effectively (recognising that there is a footpath through it)
5. Vineyard Way – happy with that; not high on my list of priorities
6. Land purchase - happy to support that

The meeting was held to discuss how we might move this forward. CA supplied a very useful report on possible funding providers

It was agreed that the first priority was the MUGA spec to include:

Floodlights, which switched on and off on a timer. Surface, lines markings gates and fencing.

Following actions agreed:

- 1) CU to contact HDC to help with planning and specification.
- 2) CU to look at timings of bids
- 3) CU to ask Little Paxton for information about the suppliers and costs of their equipment

UPDATE ON ACTIONS

- 1) Martin Grey Lead for Active Lifestyles in HDC will visit Wednesday 10th August at 2.00pm
- 2) Application deadlines:
 - a. Versus Arthritis 31.07.22
 - b. Polden-Puckham 02.09.22
 - c. Veolia 16.10.22
 - d. Ocado 31.12.22None of the others had an application deadline specified
- 3) Email sent 27.07.22

Date of next meeting 28th September 2022 via Zoom