
Grant to Norton sub Hamdon Parish Council - Play Area Upgrade (Executive Decision)

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Purpose of the Report

Councillors are asked to consider the awarding of a grant of £12,482 towards the upgrade to Norton sub Hamdon Parish Council's play area at Norton sub Hamdon recreation field.

Public Interest

Awarding grants is a key way that SSDC supports and helps to deliver community projects sponsored by Parishes and voluntary community organisations in the towns and villages across the district.

Norton sub Hamdon Parish Council has applied to the Area North community grants programme for financial assistance with the costs of upgrading the Norton sub Hamdon Parish Council's play area at Norton sub Hamdon recreation field. The Locality Officer is submitting this report to enable the Area North Committee to make an informed decision about the application and has assessed the application.

Recommendation

That Area North Committee recommend to the Chief Executive that a grant of £12,482 be awarded to Norton Sub Hamdon Parish Council towards the upgrade of the play area at the recreation field, the grant to be allocated from the Area North capital programme and subject to SSDC standard conditions for community grants (appendix A).

Application Details

Name of applicant:	Norton sub Hamdon Parish Council
Project:	Upgrade to Norton sub Hamdon Parish Council's play area at Norton sub Hamdon recreation field.
Total project cost:	£32,600
Amount requested from SSDC:	£12,482
% amount requested	38%
Application assessed by:	Adrian Moore

Community Grants Assessment Score

The table below shows the grant scoring for this application. Applications must meet the minimum score of 22 to be considered for SSDC funding under Community Grants policies.

Category	Max Score available	Officer assessment score
A Supports Council Plan/Area Chapter	1	1
B Supports Equalities & Diversity	1	1
C Supports Environment Strategy	3	1
D Need for Project	10	7
E Capacity of Organisation	15	12
F Financial need	7	4
Total	37	26

Background

Norton sub Hamdon Parish Council's play equipment in the play area at the recreation field is now approaching 25 years of age. Some of the equipment is now in need of replacement and the Parish Council would like to do this in 2022 in-line with commemorating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee year as a project to invest in the future of the village.

This play area facility is extremely popular due to it being adjacent to the primary school, village hall and Multi Use Games Area. The play area provides a safe and fun environment for all the children of the village.

Parish information

Parish*	Norton sub Hamdon
Parish Population	743
No. of dwellings	319

*Taken from the 2011 census profile

The project

New and improved bank slide and swings, roundabout, climbing unit, new surfacing, signage and landscaping.

Local support / evidence of need

By upgrading and modernising the play equipment, it will help to encourage children to take part in physical activity and develop healthy habits and lifestyles. It will provide a fun focus for parents and children to play together and forge relationships with other local families.

The project includes play equipment that is designed to be inclusive for all abilities which will allow all children to play together in a rich and engaging way.

The new play area will be promoted via the village newsletter, the Parish Council website and also the Parish Council Facebook page.

Project costs

Project costs	Cost £
Site security - Heras fencing, storage container and welfare facilities	2,291.00
Breakout and remove from site - Embankment	603.00
Supply 1 No. Swift Slide with platform	2,702.16
Hard Dig Installation	680.00
Supply & lay 10m ³ of subsoil to make good after removals and to adapt mound to new embankment slide	650.00
Supply 1 No. Katja Flat Seat (to existing swing frame)	180.36
Supply 1 No. Tango Seat (to existing swing frame)	768.96
Breakout and remove from site 2 no. 1-bay swings (removing foundations)	456.00
Supply 1 No. Turo Swing Base Module for Basket Seat - red	1,881.36
Supply 1 No. Black Bravo Seat c/w SS 6mm chain assembly	707.40
Hard Dig Installation	761.00
Supply 1 No. UniPlay Gytro (basic)	3,115.80
Soft Dig Installation	520.00
Supply 1 No. roundabout - Spiral	1,950.00
Soft Dig Installation	341.00
Breakout and remove from site 16 stepping posts (removing foundations)	624.00
Breakout and remove from site 27m ² of 100mm concrete base as per design	324.00
Breakout and remove from site 70m ² of rubber tiles: 18m ² from under cradle swings, 24m ² from under flat swings, 24m ² from under Multi Pondo Seesaw and 4m ² from under Embankment Slide	1,610.00
Breakout and remove from site 56m of PCC edging: 18m around cradle swings, 21m around flat swings and 18m around Multi Pondo Seesaw	784.00
Supply and lay 94m ² of 40mm thick brown/green mix Ecomulch surfacing as per design	7,520.00
Soft dig excavation to 120mm & cart away spoil - 53m ²	583.00
Supply and install 53m ² of Geotextile membrane	159.00
Supply and install 53m ² of 70mm MOT type 1	954.00
Supply 2 no. A3 Signs (fence/gate)	182.00
Install signs (fence/gate)	86.00
Supply & lay 70m ² of 50mm topsoil & turf	1,190.00
Supply & lay 50m ² of 50mm topsoil & seed access reinstatement	550.00
Uplift and reinstall 2 no. steel seats	380.00
Delivery	689.28
RPII Post Installation Inspection	357.00
Discount	-1,000.73
Total	32,599.59

Funding plan

Funding source	Secured or pending	Amount £
Parish Council	Secured	18,000
CIL Payment	Secured	2,118
SSDC Community Grant	Pending	12,482
Total		32,600

Conclusion and Recommendation

It is recommended that a grant of £12,482 is awarded.

Financial Implications

The balance in the Area North Capital programme is £35,338. If the recommended grant of £12,482 is awarded, £22,856 will remain.

Grants are awarded subject to all other funding being secured before the commencement of the project and are on a % basis of the full project costs. Payment of the grant cannot exceed the grant award and is proportionally reduced if full project costs are under budget.

Council Plan Implications

Focus 4 – Places where we live

To enable housing and communities to meet the existing and future needs of residents and employers, we will work to:

- Enable the delivery of good quality housing in appropriate places across all tenures, to meet community needs
- Maximise the provision of affordable housing
- Support rural communities and economies through delivery of affordable housing
- Prevent people losing their home and supporting people who are homeless to have a place they can call home
- Support communities to identify any housing need in their parish and support them to meet this demand, including supporting Community Land Trusts
- Support provision of housing for Life long independent living
- To deliver sustainable communities where people want to live and thrive
- Proactively identify adaptable housing and community solutions responding to the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic
- Promote and encourage environmentally sustainable housing, including to protect the Somerset Levels and Moors when determining planning submissions following advice from Natural England.

Carbon Emissions and Climate Change Implications

None

Equality and Diversity Implications

<i>An Equality Impact Relevance Check Form has been completed in respect of the Proposal?</i>	Yes
<i>The Impact Relevance Check indicated that a full EIA was required?</i>	No
<i>If an EIA was not required please attach the Impact Relevance Check Form as an Appendix to this report and provide a brief summary of its findings in the comments box below.</i>	
<i>If an EIA was required please attach the completed EIA form as an Appendix to this report and provide a brief summary of the result of your Equality Impact Assessment in the comment box below.</i>	
Additional Comments	
The improvements to the existing play area aims to provide for children of all abilities in the local community.	

Background Papers

None.

Appendix A

Standard conditions applying to all SSDC Community Grants

The applicant agrees to: -

- Notify SSDC if there is a material change to the information provided in the application.
- Start the project within six months of the grant offer and notify SSDC of any changes to the project or start date as soon as possible.
- Confirm that all other funding sources have been secured before starting the project, if these were not already in place at the time of the application.
Acknowledge SSDC assistance towards the project in any relevant publicity about the project (e.g. leaflets, posters, websites, and promotional materials) and on any permanent acknowledgement (e.g. plaques, signs etc.).
- Work in conjunction with SSDC officers to monitor and share the success of the project and the benefits to the community resulting from SSDC's contribution to the project.
- Provide a project update and/or supply before and after photos if requested
- Supply receipted invoices or receipts which provide evidence of the **full** cost of the project so that the grant can be released.
- Complete an evaluation survey when requested after the completion of the project.
- Note that they cannot apply for another community grant for the same project within a 3 year period of this award.

Standard conditions applying to buildings, facilities and equipment

- Establish and maintain a “sinking fund” to support future replacement of the building / facility / equipment as grant funding is only awarded on a one-off basis.
- Use the SSDC Building Control Service when buildings regulations are required.
- Incorporate disabled access and provide an access statement where relevant.

Additional conditions applying to Play & Facilities

- All play equipment considered for purchase will have passed an EN1176 test.
- All play equipment installed will have Impact Absorbing Surfacing (safety surfacing) installed to EN1177 standard.
- All play equipment installed will have a Post Installation Inspection completed by a fully trained person.
- Ensure that the play area is inspected and maintained in accordance with EN1176 or a successive standard
- Provide good quality signage to buildings and facilities.

Special conditions

None.