

## Grant to East Chinnock 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 £5,769.92 towards East Chinnock's Parish Councils play area upgrade.

### 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.

East Chinnock Parish Council has applied to the Area West community grants programme for financial assistance with the costs of upgrading the East Chinnock Parish Council play park. The Locality Officer is submitting this report to enable the Area West Committee to make an informed decision about the application and has assessed the application.

### Recommendation

It is recommended that Councillors award a grant £5,769.92, the grant to be allocated from the Area West capital programme and subject to SSDC standard conditions for community grants (appendix A).

### Application Details

Name of applicant:	East Chinnock Parish Council
Project:	Upgrade to the East Chinnock Parish Council play park
Total project cost:	£11,539.84
Amount requested from SSDC:	£5,769.92
% amount requested	50%
Application assessed by:	Nathan Turnbull

## 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	10
E Capacity of Organisation	15	12
F Financial need	7	4
Total	37	29

## Background

Following the signing of a new 20 year lease the Parish Council are upgrading the site with new Play Area equipment, they have removed an old fence and damaged goal post to open up the space. Funding has also been secured for raised beds, adult gym equipment, picnic benches and an outdoor table tennis table.

This play area facility is extremely popular due to it being near the 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*	Coker
Parish Population	5,310
No. of dwellings	2,476

\*Taken from the 2011 census profile

## The project

New and improved cradle swing, seesaw, rubber balancing tree stumps, and springers.

## 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.



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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 and on the Parish Council website.

The Project is supported by the Parish Council

### Project costs

Project costs	Cost £
Re-surfacing of safety surfaces under slide and swing	£4602.84
Tree Stump Balancing items on safety surface pathway	£2100.00
Bird's Nest Swing including delivery, installation and safety surface	£3306.00
Helicopter Springer including delivery, installation and safety surface	£1531.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£11539.84</b>

### Funding plan

Funding source	Secured or pending	Amount £
Parish/Town Council	Secured	£5769.92
SSDC Community Grant	Pending	£5769.92
<b>Total</b>		<b>£11539.84</b>

### Conclusion and Recommendation

It is recommended that a grant of £5,769.92 is awarded

### Financial Implications

The balance in the Area West Capital programme is £55,714. If the recommended grant of £5,769.92 is awarded, £49,944.08 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

Council Plan themes and Areas of focus for 2021/22

#### 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:



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- 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 <b>not</b> 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 <b>was</b> 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>	
<b>Additional Comments</b>	
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