

## Grant to Broadway Parish Council towards Playing Field Redevelopment (Executive Decision)

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### Purpose of the Report

Councillors are asked to consider the awarding of a grant of £4,252 towards Broadway Playing Field Redevelopment.

### 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.

Broadway Parish Council has applied to the Area West community grants programme for financial assistance with the costs of redeveloping the playing field play equipment. 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.

### Recommendations

It is recommended that Councillors award a grant of £4,252, 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:	Broadway Parish Council
Project:	Broadway Playing Field Redevelopment
Total project cost:	£57,342
Amount requested from SSDC:	£4,252
% amount requested	7.42%
Application assessed by:	Nathan Turnbull



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**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	9
E Capacity of Organisation	15	12
F Financial need	7	6
Total	37	30

## Background

Broadway Parish Council owns the freehold of the current playing field off Broadway Road adjacent to Neroche Primary School. The playing field was equipped over 25 years ago and most of the equipment is either past its useful life or has been dismantled for safety reasons. The Parish Council spends money each year responding to recommendations from independently conducted safety checks, but the situation has now reached a point where the field needs to be re-equipped with modern facilities. The field is used by local children, particularly after school and at weekends, and there is no other public open-access playing field in the village. Neroche Primary School does have play equipment, but this is available only during school time.

### Parish information

Parish*	Broadway
Parish Population	740
No. of dwellings	328

\*Taken from the 2011 census profile

## The project

There are several elements to the project, only part of which is the subject of this application. They are as follows:

- Stage 1: Re-equipping the field and providing good access. This is the subject of the present application. It involves removing most of the existing equipment, installing the new equipment detailed in the quotation supplied by the preferred contractor and the provision of a graded path to provide wheelchair/pushchair access to the whole field.



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Stage 2: Ancillary works to renovate an existing play tower and child and infant swings and provide a metal display board at the entrance to the field.

Stage 3: Upgrading the public footpath which connects the playing field to Broadway Road to improve access, including by wheelchair/pushchair users.

Stages 2 and 3 will be undertaken after completion of the re-equipping of the field and do not form part of the application for Community Grant. They will be funded from Broadway Parish Council's reserves or by fund-raising.

New Equipment being installed include Viking swing, Swirl Roundabout, Cableway, Jumbo sit in springy, Ronnie rabbit sit in springy, Rope weaver crossing, Half log walk, Wobbly plank, Stepping post, also new fencing and posts plus new path.

### Local support / evidence of need

The Parish Council has canvassed the views of parents and children with the cooperation of the Headteacher of Neroche Primary School, from which it is evident that they believe both that the current playing field is wholly inadequate and that the Parish Council's plans for re-equipping the field will meet children's needs for play and exercise. There is no other site in the village which is available to be used as a playing field. Neroche Primary School has 210 children from Reception to year 6, most of whom are from Broadway.

### Project costs

Project costs	Cost £
Viking Swing - 2450mm(8') - 1 Bay Basket Seat : Safety Grass	£5,771.00
Swirl Roundabout : Black Eco-Fleck Wet Pour Into Grass	£15,426.68
Haze : Safety Grass	£9,061.50
30m All Steel Cableway c/w 1 No. Ramp : Safety Grass	£10,583.50
4Saw Seesaw : Safety Grass	£4,223.00
Jumbo - Sit-in Springy : Safety Grass	£1,860.50
Ronnie Rabbit - Sit-on Springy : Safety Grass	£1,720.50
Rope Weaver Crossing : Supply & Install Equipment Only	£976.00
Half Log Walk (5) : Supply & Install Equipment Only	£423.00
Wobbly Plank : Supply & Install Equipment Only	£1,268.00
Stepping Post : Supply & Install Equipment Only	£844.00
Supply and Installation of New Fencing & Gates	£12,030.00
New Pathway	£8,396.00
Post Installation Inspection	£695.00
Secure Storage on/off site	£385
Removals	£4,434.00
<b>21.0% Discount</b>	<b>-£14,637.35</b>
Standard Carriage	£2,277.67
<b>Total</b>	<b>57,342.00</b>

Funding source	Secured or pending	Amount £
Parish Council	Secured	£29,701
S106 & Capital	Pending	£23,389
SSDC Community Grant	Pending	£4,252
<b>Total</b>		<b>£57,342</b>

## Conclusion and Recommendation

It is recommended that a grant of £4,252 is awarded.

## Financial Implications

If the previous grant to Chard Town Council is awarded, the balance in the Area West Capital programme will be £26,967.08. If the recommended grant of £4,252 is awarded, £22,715.08 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 5 – Healthy, Self-reliant Communities

To enable healthy communities which are cohesive, sustainable and enjoy a high quality of life, we will:

- Embed social value into all processes and activities to ensure we maximise the support we give to our communities
- Work with partners to keep and help our residents feel safe in their homes and communities
- Work with partners to reduce the impact of social isolation and create a feeling of community
- Work with partners to support people improving their physical and mental health and wellbeing
- Enable quality cultural, leisure and sport activities
- Proactively support residents facing hardship
- Help tackle the causes of economic and social exclusion, poverty and low social mobility
- Support older people to live and age well by increase their independence, reducing loneliness, and improving financial security.

### 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>	
<i>New play park equipment has been designed so that all ages and abilities can use the Equipment. The roundabout has no lips on it and provides a flat service that enable direct access on to the roundabout base. Nest swings are being installed which are great for all abilities as they enable people to sit or lay down in a various positions and more than one person can swing at once. In view of the provision of specialised accessible equipment the project delivers positive impacts for disabled children and their care givers therefore a full EIA is not required.</i>	



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**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.

#### Special conditions

*For example where an applicant has not provided all necessary information in the application and you are happy to wait for it eg access review; planning permissions. Or where some further encouragement could be given to do X or Y in future. Or to secure a definite outcome in the long term should the project fold, perhaps where land or buildings are concerned.*