

Key developments

- In February, Council resolved (21/23) the following: That Liss Parish Council approves the purchase and installation of a Parkitect V4 modular pump track at West Liss Recreation Ground, subject to having first obtained a Lawful Development Certificate and to not exceeding the previously agreed budget of £100,000 (proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Williams with all in favour aside from one abstention).
- The Certificate of Lawful Use or Development (LDC) was approved on 24th May 2023 and order confirmed with Dirt Factory.
- Works to install the pump track commenced on 12th June 2023 and is due to finish next weekend.

Costs

Groundworks: £16,640 (this was slightly higher than was originally budgeted for)

Shipping: £3,796

Cost of track: £82,476.82

CCTV: £5,175

Total: £108,087.82

Sum allocated to project: £100,000

Allocation from CCTV EMR towards extension of CCTV to cover play area: £1,256.81 (if agreed)

Shortfall: £6,831.01

Background/consideration

- The sum allocated to the project was for Phase 1. This was envisaged to include groundworks for the pump track and CCTV only.
- Phase 2 for which further funding would be sought in due course was to include the path, seating and bins.
- Phase 3 would include any other landscaping at the site or facilities as deemed necessary, to be determined in due course.
- It was deemed necessary to carry out the path works at the same time as the groundworks for the track itself, as the works are inextricably linked and make practical and financial sense to combine. Therefore, this area of work moved from Phase 2 to Phase 1 thereby putting pressure on the funds.
- National Lottery are still considering the application for £53,000 funding towards the project. They have asked a number of questions to which we have responded, suggesting that they are interested, but for the purpose of the recommendation below, it should be assumed that this application will be unsuccessful.
- To set the seal on the successful delivery of this much anticipated project, Council is also being asked (on a recommendation from the Facilities Committee) to consider allocating General Reserves to fund four sociable benches similar to those recently installed at the LPC end of Newman Collard and a bin.
- The CCTV specification also includes extending the CCTV to cover the play area, following recent damage to the surfacing by ASB and to reduce the risk of future issues with increased use of the site.

Recommendations

- 1) That Liss Parish Council approve the allocation of up to £1,600 from General Reserves to fund the provision of four benches and an additional bin for the pump track at West Liss Recreation Ground.
- 2) That Liss Parish Council release funds in the CCTV EMR of £1,256.81 towards extending CCTV from the Pavilion to cover the children's play area at West Liss Recreation Ground.
- 3) That Liss Parish Council allocate an additional sum of £6,831.01 CIL funding to the pump track project, to include the path and CCTV.