

## **Playground Improvement funded by S106 Monies**

### **Location – Threemilestone Play Area**

### **Budget - £ 77,540.76**

Located between Polstain Road and Threemilestone Primary School, the existing playing field comprises approximately 1.3 hectares of predominantly mown grass with a number of mostly outdated play equipment, positioned randomly over the site. It is accessed via two entrances; the main entrance is, via the car park in the north corner of the field, and there is a second pedestrian gate leading to Polstain Villas. The field is quite well enclosed with housing to the south and west and Threemilestone Primary School and its grounds occupying the land immediately to the north-east. To the south-east, the playing field looks out over open farmland.

A public exhibition, school workshops and the collation of results from written questionnaires, ensured that the local community was involved from the outset which has been instrumental in guiding the design process and prioritizing the concerns raised, as well as the expectations and aspirations expressed. The survey revealed that the majority of children using the playing field currently, fall into the 6-8 years age range, followed by roughly equal numbers of children in the 9-13 years or 3-5 years brackets. Generally, it is most used by local residents and, in particular, by the children who attend Threemilestone Primary School, as well as their siblings and parents.

Among those who responded to the survey, a significantly high proportion reported visiting the playing field only occasionally and, when they do, spend a relatively short amount of time there. The limited variety of play opportunities, lack of seating, minimal planting and low biodiversity were cited as the most significant factors leading to an overall sense of dissatisfaction, and it is these which have motivated the core elements of the design. Specific opportunities were identified including encouraging a greater sense of community, by bringing local families together, as well as making an appealing environment where individual family units would like to spend recreational time together, either engaged in single activities or a range of different ones, but in close proximity with one another. Individual elements or activities requested included a pitch for local teams to play football as well as the opportunity to hold fundraising events, fairs and markets.

The design specifically prioritises those elements which the local community identified as likely to have the most positive influence on their future use and enjoyment of the open space. In particular, emphasis has been placed on new tree planting, both along the southern boundary and flanking an area of existing scrub in the southernmost corner of the field - which is to be retained for its wildlife benefits as part of the increased biodiversity objectives - as well as groups of new trees within the wider open space, to create a sense of separation between the proposed designated 'kickabout' area and the more intimate play spaces, pathways and seating.

A new pathway is accessed from the main car park entrance, providing a smooth, level route surrounding, and surrounded by, a number of existing as well as new play equipment and play elements that will appeal to younger age groups as well as less abled children. There are three wider spots specifically designed to accommodate new benches for parents to sit and enjoy watching, as well as supervise their children playing. The path network leads to a new pedestrian safety gate giving access from Polstain Villas (optional subject to budget).

In conclusion, the whole design, as well as individual elements, will achieve an increased variety of good quality, safe play equipment, as well as spaces for a wider range of other recreational activities.



This will allow participation from all age groups; from toddlers to grandparents, active participants as well as spectators, or those who just would like to enjoy some fresh air, peace and quiet, birdsong and other wildlife in those spaces which have been deliberately left devoid of activity orientated management regimes or built elements.

**Specifications (as per design, attached)**

1	Improved access	As per design	
2	Cycle stands	As per design	
3	Net Swings	As per design	
4	Play Ares	To contain mounds, tunnels and a slide	
5	DDA compliant play area	To include roundabout and playhouse	
6	New tree planting	Not included	Do not quote
7	Football pitch	As per design	Small kickabout pitch
8	Picnic Area	New benches and tables	
9	Wildflower Meadow	To be funded separately	Do not quote
10	Footpath	To be wheelchair friendly	
11	Climbing Frame	With slide for 6+year	As per design

- Due to financial regulations, please adhere as closely as possible to the attached design plan.
- Due to our Climate Emergency and our Environmental Policy, all equipment is to be made of Timber (where possible) and all improvements should be sustainable and environmentally friendly.
- All equipment be meet current EU / British Standards / ROSPA specifications and standards.
- Equipment to be appropriately robust and able to withstand use by adults. It is recognised that whilst the equipment is intended for use by children, inevitably older children and adults may use the equipment and it should therefore be of appropriate quality, sturdiness and sufficiently robust to withstand use by adults.
- Equipment should be free from entrapments, crush points, sharp edges, and unrestricted pendulums.
- Warranties on steel parts, paint, bearings, plastic parts
- Replacement parts must be available in the UK with short lead time.
- All contractors must hold the following liability insurance:
  - Employers liability: £10,000,000
  - Public liability: £5,000,000
  - Products liability: £5,000,000

Evidence of this cover must be provided at the initial quotation stage.

- Risk Assessments and method statements must be provided by the contractor before any contracts of works are awarded.

**Site visits can be arranged, contact details as below.**

Please provide the following to [tenders@kenwynparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:tenders@kenwynparishcouncil.gov.uk)

- Completed questionnaire.
- Quotation
- Product details
- Warranty details for Structural parts, paintwork, bearings, plastic parts
- Maintenance requirements and lead time for availability of spare parts
- Delivery and installation timetable

If you have any questions, please address them to our Clerk, Mrs Karen Harding on [Clerk@kenwynparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Clerk@kenwynparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Timetable:

1. **12 noon 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021**- Full response to be received by sending email to [tender@kenwynparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:tender@kenwynparishcouncil.gov.uk) . Due to our financial regulations, they will remain unopened until after this date when they will be opened in the presence of at least two councillors.
2. **29<sup>th</sup> March 2021** – Tenders will be presented to the full Council and the successful tender will be recommended to Cornwall Council for the release of S106 Monies
3. Installation to commence in **May 2021**.

Ariel Photograph of the site

