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# TIDEFORD PLAYPARK REFURBISHMENT DESIGN BRIEF





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## **PROJECT OVERVIEW**

St Germans Parish Council is seeking to upgrade the existing play park situated in Tideford to provide fit for purpose facilities for children of all ages within the village and wider parish.

The land is leased by the Parish Council from the Port Elliot Estate. The renewed lease upon confirmation is for a 10-year period without automatic renewal guaranteed in the future. This does therefore create a budgetary constraint on the basis of the limited period any play provisions may be in situ for longer term.

The Parish Council is responsible for the routine inspection and maintenance of Tideford playpark whilst acting as a leaseholder. The majority of existing equipment dates back to 1991 when the park was commissioned in conjunction with the National Playing Fields Association. Although some equipment has been added to, removed or repaired on an ad-hoc basis as required.

The planned refurbishment of the existing play park falls into three key objectives.

- Restore & revitalise the playpark whilst ensuring value for money for the wider parish.
- Encourage inclusive access to the range of facilities provided.
- Provide new and diverse education, leisure and recreational activities for all ages.

## **PROJECT PLAN**

The project has arisen following a lengthy lease renewal process and subsequent removal of some equipment during the interim period. The formal condition report of the playpark has also prompted refurbishment items. The local community has also been proactive in its desire to ensure the longevity and reinstatement of the former park. The Playground Action Committee (PACT) was formed by local residents of Tideford to support the Parish Council renewal of the leaseholder application. PACT met with the Parish Council and aided in seeking subsequent community feedback from local children, teenagers and parents. The results of this research is included within this brief and should be considered to inform designs and proposals of any equipment detailed within the scope of works.



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### **FUNDING**

The Parish Council may consider a phased and/or packaged approach to the first two priority items detailed below. Items three, four and five to be incorporated within those respective phases/package of works. The Parish Council has some funds available to facilitate the project. Additional monies from fund raising efforts via PACT may be utilised to incorporate items detailed within the opportunities section detailed below.

### **PROJECT STAGES**

We are currently at the third and fourth stage of the list below:

- Initial indicative costings exercise
- Proposal of budget and scope of works to Parish Council for approval.
- Confirmation of renewed lease.
- Meet equipment suppliers on site to discuss design brief and requirements.
- Receive designs and quotations from suppliers for all priorities.
- Consult on the designs with Councillors and PACT representative.
- Playpark Working Group to propose preferred suppliers to Parish Council.
- Work with preferred supplier to refine design.
- Proceed with improvements to Tideford Playpark.

### **PRIORITIES**

#### Tideford Playpark

- Reinstatement of rope course.
- Install new play equipment to toddler area.
- Relocate and reinstate basket swing ensuring inclusive access.
- Provide an area of shelter for users.
- Replace defective fencing where required.



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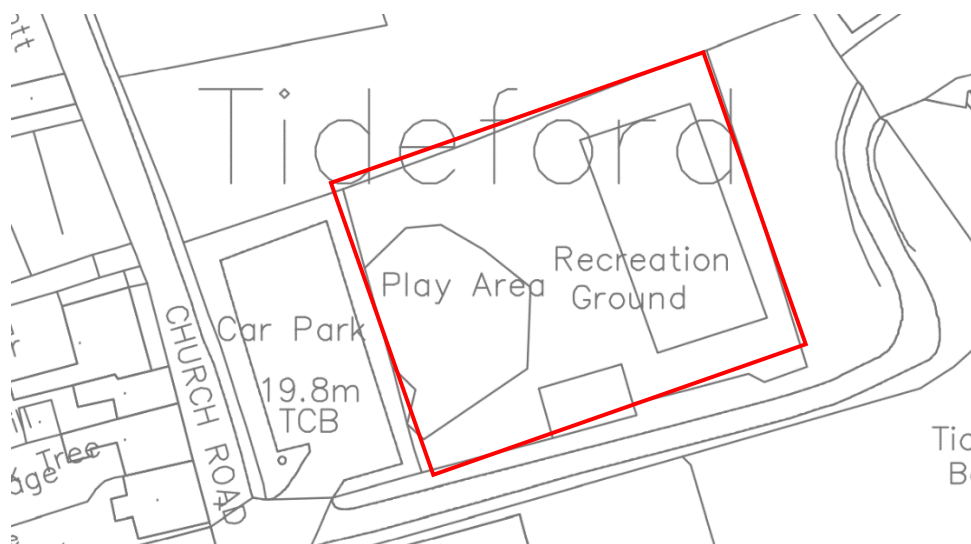
### **CONSTRAINTS**

- Length of lease limits budget capacity to ensure value for money.
- Refurbishment of existing facilities where possible to aide project budget efficiency.
- Site has potential for anti-social behaviour and should not be exacerbated by design.
- New equipment must be made of sustainable or responsibly sourced materials.
- New equipment design/colours should be in keeping with surroundings and of a natural/modest palette.
- Awarded works must be complete by Spring 2023

### **OPPORTUNITIES**

- Potential to increase size of toddler area utilising grassed area adjacent
- Site could become a destination playground for wider local community
- Basketball Court area could have additional items incorporated
- Additional SEN equipment could be installed

### **LOCATION**





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### **LOCATION – continued**

- Accessed from Church Road via car park.
- Pedestrian access via car park.
- Vehicle access available but requires fence removal.

### **CURRENT CONDITION ASSESSMENT**

The most recent condition report is included as an appendix to this document. The existing galvanised steel posts to the rope course are in good condition and will be retained. The existing basket swing seat unit only requires refurbishment and will need to be accommodated by a renewed frame. The existing toddler area fencing is in poor condition and leaning in some areas this is also a similar scenario to the existing boundary fence upon entry to the park adjacent to the private road. The rope course safety surface is woodchip fill. This should be recycled where possible and replenished to suitable standards required. The slide structure located within the rope area is to be retained.

### **SUGGESTED PROJECT BUDGET**

£82,000 inclusive of VAT