

SKATE PARK FACILITIES AT THE KING GEORGE VTH PLAY AREA

Report to Update the South West Wiltshire Area Board Members of the Proposed Replacement with Enhanced and more Challenging Facilities Using R2 Monies currently available to Tisbury PC

A. Project:

Tisbury Parish Council resolved to confirm its commitment to replacing the current out-of-date facility that is coming to the end of its useable life in January 2012.

The Parish Councillors undertook to upgrade the current facilities with R2 monies from the Hindon Lane development (c. £70,000) following many years 'nagging' from the local youngsters. Once the development seemed certain to go ahead, the Youth Club met with the Parish Clerk in 2010 to put some ideas on paper.

B. Objectives:

Tisbury Parish Council wishes to:

- a. Create a more enjoyable park facility
- b. Help people with a free source and easily managed exercise.
- c. Develop a park with a scope for competition grade skating and events and the need for a varied skate park
- d. To draw outside communities to Tisbury to use the skate park facilities and other local amenities. (Swimming pool, sports centre, the High Street)
- e. Develop relations with sport education.
- f. Reduce antisocial behaviour.

C. Funding:

- a. Current R2 funding of £38,693 min.
- b. Further R2 monies from the Hindon Lane development amounting to some £70,000.
- c. The Youth Group was awarded £1,000 towards the Skate Park project in March 2012.

d. The total monies available are therefore:

R2 monies	£38,500
Plus Hindon Lane monies	£70,000
Area Board funding	<u>£ 1,000</u>
	£109,000

e. The tender for the Skate Park was issued for a sum no greater than £95,000.

D. Other Issues:

a. The statutory power to spend arises from the provision of R2 monies from planning gain in Tisbury parish.

b. Local residents are aware that a replacement skate park facility is being considered (Parish Council newsletter - October 2011 edition), and community consultation (Easter 2012) encouraged a range of residents to visit a display of potential designs and discuss any issues of concern.

Local issues of concern focussed on:

- i. noise during construction and subsequent use (tree planting will be used to form a barrier), and
- ii. construction traffic and parking on narrow estate roads.

c. A ROSPA audit was commissioned (desk based) and no issues were raised that could not be overcome.

d. Planning permission for the replacement facility will be submitted.

E. Project Management:

The company chosen under the tender process offers a full in-house service from initial consultation to user group consultations to create a unique, bespoke design, through to the engineering and construction of the skate park. The price tendered is the total project cost; additional Clerk and P.Cnlr time is envisaged for ongoing queries and troubleshooting. A group of mature, experienced skate park users has formed the Skate Park working group and has worked with Tisbury PC to get the best possible deal for the monies available.

F. User Consultation:

a. Tisbury Youth Club has been involved with the design process and a community engagement forum was held in October 2011 to gain a broader perspective of all users likely to use a replacement facility; attendees, upto 20, ranged in age from about 7-8years old to a very respectable number of over 15 year olds.

b. Various mature and experienced skate park users were identified with particular knowledge of the various types of skate park equipment and formed the basis of the Skate Park working group.

c. An important issue raised during the user consultation was the necessity to specify that all types of users should be able to use the new facility, e.g. using skate boards, roller blades/skates, BMX bikes and scooters, this latter category being particularly important for younger users.

G. The Tender Process - summary

- a. Following an advertisement in a leisure based on-line /hard copy trade magazine (Leisure Opportunities), ten expressions of interest were received with seven PQQs (pre-qualification questionnaires) being received back.

- b. Six completed tender documents were returned.

H. Confirmation of Preferred Design

- a. Tisbury Parish Councillors resolved to accept the design of Wheelscape as the preferred design, subject to approval by the SWW Area Board, funding being available and any permissions being in place.