

Play Area Remedial Quotes

Committee: Leisure & Recreation Committee

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Project Title: Play Area Remedials

1. Purpose of the Report

To present Members with quotations for remedial works and improvements at three Parish managed play areas and to seek approval to proceed with identified priority works.

2. Background

The Parish Council has an ongoing commitment to maintaining and improving play facilities across the Parish, ensuring they remain safe, accessible, and enjoyable for residents. As part of the 2025/26 annual inspections and routine weekly inspection programme, a number of play areas have been identified as requiring remedial works. These works are primarily safety related or essential to maintain functionality and compliance with current standards.

Quotations have been obtained from Harlequin Play Ltd. for the following sites:

- Edinburgh Street / Chapel Street Play Area (*to be reviewed by the Play Area Working Group – see Section 5*)
- St Marks Park
- Medlar Court Play Area

3. Summary of Quotations

Site	Scope of Works	Quotation (ex. VAT)
Edinburgh Street / Chapel Street	Removal and disposal of existing surfacing, supply and installation of new topsoil and premium turf, installation of grass safety mats.	£12,988.36 (<i>Working Group to review – 11 Nov</i>)
St Marks Recreation Ground	Replacement of posts and key clamp rails, artificial grass surfacing to steps, replacement of rotten timber on slide platform.	£4,975.22
Medlar Court Play Area	Replacement of board rider with steel seesaw, replace bark safety surfacing.	£6,906.72

Total potential cost (excl. VAT): £24,870.30

4. Budget Position

- The Play Area Maintenance Revenue Budget for 2025/26 is £10,000, with approximately £6,000 spent by month 6, and OS invoices totalling C. £1,900 leaving Circa £2,000 remaining.
- The Capital Play Improvement Programme funds total £250,000, less:
 - C. £30,000+ contribution committed to Rodbourne Cheney Play Area refurbishment
 - Up to £100,000 earmarked for future park improvement projects.
- Additionally, Earmarked Reserves (Ward Allowance) of £1,888.00 is available to support play area works at Mannington Recreation Ground, £4,500 at Barnum Court and £5,305 at Ferndale.

Given the limited remaining revenue budget, Members should note that any works approved beyond £2,000 will need to be funded from the capital allocation and/or EMRs.

5. Edinburgh Street Play Area

Due to the scale and cost of the proposed works (£12,988.36), this project will be considered in detail by the Play Area Working Group on 11th November 2025. A recommendation will be brought back to the next available Committee meeting for formal approval.

6. Recommendations

It is recommended that Members:

1. Approve the quotation of £4,975.22 for St Marks Recreation Ground. Attributed to remaining play budget and St Marks EMR.
2. Defer the quotation of £6,906.72 for Medlar Court Play Area for future consideration.
3. Note that the Edinburgh Street / Chapel Street proposal will be reviewed by the Play Area Working Group on 11th November, with a recommendation brought to Committee thereafter.

Appendices:

- Appendix A: Harlequin Play Quote – St Marks Recreation Ground
- Appendix B: Harlequin Play Quote – Medlar Court
- Appendix C: Harlequin Play Quote – Edinburgh Street (*for information*)