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Gym Equipment in the Park Report

Reported Problems with Equipment:

There have been reported problems with both the equipment in the park and at Bullholme with the Parks & recreation Department temporarily removing two of the pieces at the park and organising a meeting with the suppliers and the installers to discuss the problems at Bullholme. At the site visit it was noted that three pieces had been vandalised and that several pieces had come loose on their mountings. The supplier said that he was responsible for installation problems but the vandalism was not his responsibility. It was mutually agreed that the supplier would go away and look at remedial measures and another meeting would be arranged.

Meeting at Marsden Park:

A meeting was held on the 12th October 2010 and remedial work was discussed. It was decided:

1. That at the park the three pieces of equipment would be re-installed using a new improved fixing method at the expense of the supplier this work to be carried out within the next month.
2. That two of the pieces at Bullholme the weight stack and the leg press were no longer serviceable and would need replacement with other items or permanent removal the removal to be carried as soon as possible.
3. Both the Clerk and the Parks are keen to see these two pieces replaced with two other pieces of equipment more suited to this exposed site. This is dependant on cost and the Clerk has asked for prices of replacement equipment which the supplier has agreed to install at no additional cost
4. The meeting discussed the types of equipment that should replace the unserviceable pieces and a short list of possible alternatives was drawn up.
5. That the third piece the see-saw could be repaired and the loose mountings rectified. The supplier would re-install the piece at no charge but the new parts required to repair the see-saw would need to be covered by the parish council. The difficulty is the lead time to source parts from the manufacturer but the Clerk and Mr. Higson from the Parks suggested that it may be simpler to have these parts manufactured locally.
6. The supplier also said he would re-install any other loose equipment at their expense.
7. That the Clerk would look at funds available and report to the Council for decision.

Suggested Replacement Equipment:

The suggested pieces of equipment could be two of the following:

- Cross Trainer
- Rider
- Air Skier
- Hip Twister

The Parks Department favour the Cross Trainer and the Air Skier which have proved popular at other sites and because of the lower nature of the equipment and the types of movement will be less liable to the vandal damage which wrecked the leg press.

Pictures of these pieces of equipment are shown in Appendix1

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Financial Implications:

The cost to the Council would be replacement parts for the see-saw and the cost of the two new pieces of equipment. The initial comments of Parks Officers are that no funding exists for this work and discussions would need to take place with the service head if funding is needed. The best estimate of costs is around £3000 - £3500 but until prices are given for the different pieces of replacement equipment only a best guess figure can be derived. The Clerk hopes to have more exact figures in time for the meeting.

Existing Council Funding Available:

There is currently £2385.80 left in the Gym Equipment Budget with a further £1251.57 in the village projects budget and £2000.00 in the Parish Plan implementation budget.

Decisions Required:

1. Approval of expense incurred in refurbishing the see-saw.
2. Does the Council wish to replace the two unserviceable pieces of equipment?
3. That if the Council decides to replace the equipment that sufficient funds are allocated to the replacement.
4. That new equipment be ordered and installed as soon as possible.

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Air Skier (1050x900x1440mm)

By swinging both legs together from side to side the Air Skier strengthens and develops the lower abdomen hips and thighs, improves balance and co-ordination through 'core' activation. Excellent warm-up and work-out for skiers, but also can provide gentle exercise for fitness beginners.



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Hip Twister (1360x1360x1310mm)

This gentle exerciser is designed to improve flexibility and range of movement of hips and waist. Good for warm-up and cool down routines and for toning obliques. Three people can exercise together, and the unstrenuous nature of this exercise allows for social interaction. Suitable for all ages.



Elliptical Cross Trainer (1135x575x1440mm)

The elliptical cross trainer provides an excellent full-body cardiovascular work-out. It helps to improve co-ordination and balance while providing low impact exercise for legs and arms. Excellent work-out for those recovering from injury.



The Rider (880x460x1180mm)

Similar to a rowing machine, but in a more upright position, the Rider gives a full-body cardiovascular and toning work-out, pushing with the legs while pulling with the arms against resistance. Works arms, shoulders, back, legs, and abdomen with low impact exercise.

