

OVING PARISH PLAN

Action Point template

Subject Investigated: RECREATION GROUND

Survey Question Numbers: Q3, Q19, Q30, Q44 and Q45

Description of the perceived need:

Comments asking for the existing Recreation Ground facilities to be improved or added to. The comments covered the condition and safety of the existing facilities, grass mowing and many suggestions for additional facilities

Summary of the relevant survey data:

Of the 138 respondents 45.7% of respondents were very satisfied or satisfied with the existing facilities, 48.6% were neutral and 5.8% were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied.

There is no way of assessing how many people use the existing facilities regularly or where they come from in the parish. Suggested improvements include: trampoline, roundabout, skateboard park, exercise equipment, bigger park including facilities for younger and older children, climbing frames, running track, football nets, bowling green, basketball area, free outdoor tennis courts, skate park, gym, squash court, village fete, sports day, wooden climbing blocks, drums, sandpit, shade area. Suggestions for facilities that already exist (eg football pitch, picnic benches) have been discounted.

Description of response proposed:

Oving Parish Council pays the rent for the existing area to the Church Commissioners who own the site; has a contract for regular mowing; and has a contract with RoSPA to carry out the mandatory annual inspection plus essential safety improvements.

We realise that the existing equipment is now out-dated and requires improvements. Many of the proposals will therefore be considered and replaced or added to depending on future budgets, available funding and grant applications.

Feasibility of response:

The existing Recreation Ground area will be inadequate to accommodate many of

the suggested improvements. It may be possible to rent additional adjoining land. It may not be possible to provide the outdoor tennis courts suggested. These already exist in the adjacent parish of Tangmere and might be available to our residents to use.

It is hoped that it will be feasible to implement many of the suggested improvements

The agency which is ultimately responsible:

Oving Parish Council

Those who will benefit among the community:

Primarily families with children in Oving village

Timeframe & estimated costs if known:

These proposals will be provided over several years and there are no cost estimates yet.

Plans already in process or proposed which may be relevant:

The existing football pitch could be scrapped as a cricket/football facility has already been agreed in the Shopwyke Lakes development. Some open green spaces and recreation facilities will also be provided in that development.