

GILBERDYKE PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of Playground Working Group Meeting

21 June 2022

In attendance:

Councillor Pete Buckle, Councillor Sam Taylor-Dunn, Councillor Kevin Woollass, Jake Wilde (Parish Clerk).

Councillor Taylor-Dunn was elected by the councillors present to be Chair and opened the meeting.

The Working Group agreed to recommend the following fundamental principles:

A focus on Accessibility, Security and Safety

The Working Group agreed that existing and new play equipment needed to meet these key criteria and that advice should be sought from accessibility advisory groups, East Riding Council and play equipment suppliers and inspectors on how to best deliver these ambitions.

Expansion of leased area

The Working Group agreed to recommend that Gilberdyke War Memorial Hall be approached to consider increasing the current leased area to include the space along the fence bordering Gilberdyke Primary School. This would create an L-shaped area.

Creation of three distinct zones

The Working Group agreed to recommend that the newly-expanded Playground area be divided into three distinct zones, broadly based upon different age groups:

1. 0-5

The current playground nearest the Hall that is enclosed by yellow fencing. This playground should be expanded to include the area between the current playground and the fence alongside Clementhorpe Road.

2. 6-12

The current playground from the fence nearest Gilberdyke Primary School to the 0-5 playground. This playground would be updated with additional and replacement equipment.

3. 13+

A new play area to be created from the existing youth shelters to the tree line in the corner of the playing field, adjacent to the fence alongside Gilberdyke Primary School.

Other issues raised

The Playground Working Group noted that the following individual issues should be considered as part of the improvements recommended above:

- More waste bins and a regular cleaning programme
- Refurbishment (rather than removal) of the Youth Shelters, including improvement of the seating and adding some form of wind barrier
- More seating for parents and families
- Improved lighting of the whole area
- Provision of cycle stands
- Replacement of concrete, grass and muddy areas with all-weather surface similar to the one in the 0-5 playground
- More swings