

Brettenham Play Area Report
Parish Council Meeting 12/7/2018

Proposal Summary

- To install:
1. New Basket Swing (Age range 4 years plus) (Wooden posts/steel legs)
 2. New Cradle Swing (Age range 2 – 4 years) (Wooden posts/steel legs)
 3. New Multi Play Tower (Age range 6 to 12 years) (Wooden posts/steel legs)
 4. New Single Springer (Age range 2 – 6 years) (Steel)
 6. Refurbish existing double swing (Age range 3 years plus)

Cost:

Basket Swing &Cradle Swing	£1,792
Multi Play Tower	£3,016
Springer	£312
Installation	£2,436.95
Grass Matting	£2,358
Grass Seed	£100
Fencing (BVA & Brinkleys)	£0
Container (Charles Camp)	£450
Digger/Dumper (Andrew Gooderham)	£0
Skip	£434.11
TeleHandlerPaint	£666.67
Insurance	£333.33
Refurbish existing swing	£250
Freight	£416
Total Cost excluding VAT	£12,565.06

Funding:

S106 monies, application for release of £10,544.55 made 29/6/2018

Grants applications to Big Lottery Fund and Viridor Credits being made for £5,000 each.

Confirmation that VAT can be reclaimed is being sought from HMRC and subject to confirmation can be claimed back on the month of invoice, current reserves will cover the VAT element until the VAT refund is received.

Update on work to date:

Following consultation with villagers the work to refurbish the play area has commenced and at the end of May a team of volunteers dismantled the existing play equipment and cleared the bark and matting.

The next phase is to lay new top soil and plant grass seed as the new surface will be grass matting which is more durable and will not need regular replacement.

Due to the extremely dry conditions, the work has come to a halt as the grass would not be able to grow without considerable watering.

As soon as the dry spell ends and the forecast is for cooler and wetter weather then arrangements to sow the grass seed will be made.

An update is being placed in the August Village Magazine and signs are being placed on the Play Area ahead of the Village Fete.

Request for commitment for further funding:

The top soil previously made available is not the quality required to sow the grass seed and quotes have been provided to purchase top soil to fill the area of between £300 and £500. The Parish Council will be asked to consider this request.