

**WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Full Council**

**Play area update**

**1. Bess Road**

1.1 Bess Road has been completed. This play area had equipment on a supply only basis. The costs can be summarised as follows:

**Proludic**

Equipment	£12,056.60
Delivery	£ 1022.09
Fencing	£ 3830.00
Total supply incl discount	£15,998.00

1.2 Self installation took approximately 5 working days over a three week period and was accommodated alongside other commitments. Direct costs included:

- Consumables (ballast, cement etc.) c. £500
- Plant hire – c. £400
- Timber c. £200
- Wood chip c.£1700 plus £200 plant hire

Total direct installation costs £3,000 or £1,100 excluding woodchip

1.3 During the quote/tender process, Proludic quoted £8,300 for installation and Hags quoted £5,000. Wood chip would have been an additional cost to both installation quotes and accounts for £1900 of the direct costs. This would suggest that without factoring in any of the project management or staffing resource costs, self installation created a cost benefit in the range of £4,000 to £7,000.

**2. Shaw Ridge, Clay Pits and Sparcells**

2.1 Week commencing Monday 25 July, the Parish team will be delivering woodchip to various play area sites to top up the bark pits ready for the summer holidays. Whilst there is an excavator on hire, there is an opportunity to take on some tasks that require a machine.

- This could include, the removal of the roundabout and surf board at Shaw Ridge. The area would need top soil and grass seed – short term protective fencing would be an option.
- Removal of fencing at Sparcells Youth play area
- Removal of fencing at Claypits Youth play area

**3. Rivermead**

- 3.1 Works on site at Rivermead start on Monday 25 July and will progress through the summer. A celebration event will take place ideally at the close of the summer holidays if works are completed by then. Ground-breaking event to be confirmed.

**4. Recommendations**

- 4.1 The West Swindon Parish Council considers what steps it wishes to put in place for the play area sites referred to in this report and instructs the Parish team accordingly.

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