

Baynard Avenue Play Area

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Committee: COUNCIL

Agenda Item

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Title: BAYNARD AVENUE PLAY AREA, FLITCH GREEN

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Item for decision

Summary

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Members' approval to transferring the Play Area at Oakwood Park to Flitch Green Parish Council.

Recommendations

Members approve that the Play Area at Baynard Avenue, Oakwood Park be transferred to Flitch Green Parish Council along with the commuted sum of £4,000 to support the cost of maintaining the facility.

Background Papers

None.

Communication/Consultation	Negotiations held with Flitch Green Parish Council
Community Safety	Play Area designed to be compliant with safety standards
Equalities	None
Finance	None
Health and Safety	None
Human Rights	None
Legal implications	None
Sustainability	None
Ward-specific impacts	Flitch Green
Workforce/Workplace	None

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Situation

- 1 When the Oakwood Park development was constructed it contained a Community Hall and a Play Area. Currently, due to defects, the Community Hall has not been accepted by the District Council. However, the Play Area was taken over by the District Council approximately a year ago with the aim of transferring it to the new Parish Council in the future.
- 2 The Play Area at Baynard Avenue has been looked after by the District Council with support from the Deputy Town Clerk from Great Dunmow who has the appropriate qualifications to monitor play equipment. The District Council does not have the expertise to monitor play areas and does not own or control any other play areas.
- 3 Recently, the slide was removed as it proved to be dangerous and the Parish Council is willing to replace the slide.
- 4 Therefore, following considerable discussions Flitch Green Parish Council has now agreed to take over responsibility for the Play Area. Approximately £4,000 remains from the commuted sum for the maintenance of the Play Area and this sum should also be transferred to Flitch Green Parish Council.
- 5 With Members' approval to this course of action the Solicitors will draw up the appropriate legal documentation to discharge the District Council of this responsibility.

Risk Analysis

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
UDC fails to transfer the Play Area to Flitch Green Parish Council	1	3	Discussions with the Parish Council and transfer of the commuted sum to support the arrangement.

1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.