

Parks & Recreation Committee Objectives 2024-25



Projects In Progress:

Leys Masterplan:	<p>Project with Courtside CIC to create a multi-sports hub and café with sports changing rooms – lease negotiations currently in progress. The Town Council pledged £250,000 towards the project. Awaiting revised timeline from Courtside CIC on expected completion date – anticipated to be late Summer 2024. Whilst this project isn't being delivered by WTC it still requires a significant amount of Officer time on co-ordination with Courtside because of the impact it has on other WTC assets, such as the Splash Pad, Skate Park, Sports Pitches and the Leys Ground in general. [It should be noted that the removal of the Works Depot from the Leys and setting up a temporary facility whilst planning for a new facility at West Witney Sports Ground is progressed – a further large project in the region of £750k-£1m + temporary depot costs approx. £85k]</p>
West Witney Clubhouse:	<p>Planning permission granted for major refurb of clubhouse social facilities and toilets/changing rooms. Project Officer applying for Community Ownership Funding (COF); S106 held by WODC for improvements – also EMR a/c 319 £147,500. Depending on outcome of grant funding may need to apply for Public Works Loan – factored into 24/25 agreed budget.</p>
Works Depot:	<p>Plans drawn-up ready to apply for planning permission. Needs to be in place in current financial year 24/25 due to temporary facilities/short term lease agreement and additional cost to Council.</p>

Projects in Preparation Pool/Part or Unfunded:

Splash Park Renewal:	Lifespan of facility was estimated to be 10 years from 2015, sinking fund held in EMR a/c 361 – balance currently stands at £167,600 but is also available for major repairs, with a bill due for commissioning the splash pad for the 2024 season. Minute ref: PR21 15.01.24; PR120 04.03.24; & PGF173 25.03.24 refer. Officers working on a project plan/scheme for delivery ready for the 2025 season.
Burwell Sports Changing Rooms:	Earmarked Reserve (A/c 368) £47,030 and S106 funding £25,000, total available £72,030. Previous quotations for extension to Burwell Hall Changing rooms were more than budget. Officers working on alternative affordable solution – external lockers and revamp of the existing changing facilities. Possible FA grant funding being explored.
Leys Ground Sewerage:	Problems identified by the Bowls Club and the sewage problem – an EMR set up a/c 367 balance currently stands at £57,900.
Play Equipment/Renewals:	Budget £75k in 24/25; Officers scheduling Programme of Works for play equipment renewals.
Park Run Path WWSG:	Budget £30k in 24/25 Quotation obtained by Officers approx. £60k Project needs scoping out and co-ordination with other landowners/funders. Also need to consider the possibility of the 3G pitch (see Projects funded by s106 below) being located in the vicinity – may dovetail into this project/funding.

S106 Projects:

WODC are looking to the Town Council Officers to deliver the following projects.

Raleigh Crescent MUSA:	Offsite s106 contribution from Windrush Place development – to replace basketball/youth shelters on Raleigh Cres playing field. Officers have scoped out a project plan – land in ownership of WODC and currently permissions via licence. WTC agreed to project manage and deliver the project. Budget £180k approx. indicative designs have been obtained. Possible delivery by Winter 2024 or Spring 2025.
Windrush Place Pavilion/Pitches:	Project managed by Developers Consortium/WODC – anticipated delivery by Spring 2025? Confidential item on the future management of this asset at later agenda item.
Windrush Place Adventure Play:	WODC requested WTC project manage and deliver this large project. Current issues relate to the underground services, whether overhead cables should be buried. Trying to establish suitable location for the play equipment. Anticipated delivery based on WTC resource availability will likely be 2025/26.
Waterford Road Play Area:	Remedial works being carried out prior to legal freehold transfer from WODC.
Madley Park Play/Teen Zone:	Part of a long-term project Madley Park Playing Fields – currently waiting on leasehold transfer from WODC to coincide with below - 2029.
Madley Park Playing Fields:	Historic expression of interest to take on the ownership/management of the pitches – however land is part of a dual agreement with OCC/WGS/WODC – expires 2029.

3G Pitch: WODC Cabinet to decide location in June 2024 – possibly WWSG; possible s106 won't cover the full