

Item 13 ii – Basketball project at Westerleigh Playing Field

1. Introduction and background

- Council is asked to consider options for updating the basketball hoop at Westerleigh Playing Field following feedback from the F&GP Committee. Three options are set out.
- The existing court is approx 10m across the straight edge, diameter of the semi circle is 6.2m. The tarmac is in reasonable condition but is starting to deteriorate and there are no line markings. Photos below.



- The Council has access to funds up to £20k by combining CIL earmarked reserve, with Says Court surplus earmarked reserve and/or its play equipment replacement earmarked reserve
- If comparison quotations are obtained, it may be possible to get a lower price. There is NO obligation to select one of the quotes and the Council can still revert to a simple project to update the post only.
- If option 1 or 2 is preferred, this should be subject to wider consultation with the community BEFORE obtaining further quotations given the change and costs involved. What would parishioners prefer to see?

Option 1- A guide quote has been obtained: £23,495.00

10m x 10m replacement square

Goal/ hoop combi – gives the option to use the area for basketball and football – plus side fencing required with this installation. NOTE fencing the whole area is not required.

Pitch markings for better play value

This option is subject to a site survey to check it can be fully accommodated AND obtaining planning permission.

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• Maximises the space with options for basketball and informal football • Replaces aging surface with more usable shape • Court markings increase play value	• Most expensive option • Requires planning permission, which will add to costs and timescale • Fencing is more visually intrusive than ground level installation • Possible increased noise due to balls bouncing back - tbc



Option 2 - A guide quote has yet to be obtained, estimated £10 – 20k.

10mx 10m replacement square

Replacement basketball hoop

Pitch markings for better play value

This option is subject to a site survey to check it can be fully accommodated AND may require planning permission.

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• Replaces aging surface with more usable shape • Court markings increase play value	• Second most expensive option • May require planning permission – need confirmation

Option 3 – Quote received – £860 (This quote was previously considered by Full Council, but cllrs wished to investigate the scope and cost of replacing and enlarging the surfacing as well -see above)

Retain existing playing surface

Retain existing pole and add new basket and backboard

No court markings

Planning permission not required

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• Cheapest option • Reuses pole so no groundworks – quick and not disruptive • Could invest in other facilities with funds saved e.g. outdoor table tennis elsewhere on the field	• No pitch markings • No replacement surface – this will need replacement in the future (if surface is enlarged will need to remove and replace basketball hoop) • Could be seen as a stop-gap solution.

2. Next steps

Council is asked to consider which is the preferred option (1,2 or 3)?

NOTE that if option 1 or 2 are preferred, there should be a community consultation first to find out what residents wish to see AND site a visit to confirm these options are possible.