

Saxilby with Ingleby Parish Council

Non-confidential

Westcroft Green

Report to: Full Council 25-01

Report by: Clerk

Power/duty which decision falls under: Open Spaces Act 1906 s.10.

Which council objective(s) it falls under:

- Maintain and improve community facilities and amenities
- Protect and enhance our green spaces and street scene
- Improve the well-being of residents

Public Sector Equality Duty (Consider how policies/decisions affect those protected under the Equality *Act*)

This will make the area more accessible to those using mobility scooters, wheelchairs, push chairs and those on foot.

Consideration on carbon reduction:

- Own staff are proposed to be used minimising travel
- Materials are being sourced from a local quarry, and sustainable wood is being used.

Consideration of risk management in relation to the proposal

It is impossible to list every risk faced by a local council. Risk, in the general sense, means the likelihood of an event happening, and the severity of the negative consequences. The insurance industry regards risk as representing loss or damage. Risk always involves uncertainty. When protecting a local council effectively, it is important to consider if risk is present in the following areas (SLCC AN241)[Tick]

Decision making✓LegalFinancesInspections✓PropertyWritten/verbal✓StaffcommunicationEvents✓Insurance

Does the report consider any new activity? If 'Yes', has a risk assessment including risk management proposals for consideration been included for consideration and adoption by the council? (Financial Regulation 17b)

No

¹Risk areas to consider - strategic/operational, likelihood/impact, add to risk register? Any contingency planning needed?

REPORT

A project for the council is to improve Westcroft Green Space.

Following the Church Lane developments, a number of footpaths have been improved (tarmac now). There is one remaining short section of footpath that was crushed compressed stone but now is mud and grass.

The last external inspection of Westcroft stated this section of footpath required reinstating (Annual Play Inspection, 2023, pp9).



Findings information

The council has ring fenced funds to improve Westcroft Green. It is proposed to renew the footpath using the ring-fenced funds, as the first step in the project.

It is proposed to progress now due to being on the off-season for grass cutting, as grounds have the capacity to deliver the project and also to make the area safer for residents during the winter months.

The grounds manager has costed the materials at £1,300, but proposes agreeing upto £2,000 in case more stone is needed.

The current RFF balance is £11,920. The remainder of the RFF is expected to be used to provide play/exercise equipment, alongside applying for further grants.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

- I. That Full Council notes the report and approves Westcroft Green RFF expenditure up to £2,000 for the Westcroft pathway.
- 2. The Full Council delegates the management and delivery of the Westcroft Green improvement project to planning and development committee, including approval of applying for grant applications.