

TUPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Improving the quality of life for all those who live and work in Tupton

July 2019

Dear Neighbour

It has been many decades since the play equipment on the Birkin Avenue Park was installed and it is now past the end of its workable life.

The park is one of the largest play areas we have in the village; but, because of the lack of facilities, it is also one of the least used. The Parish Council would like to bring the park back into use and make it a focal point of the village – something that appeals to all ages.

While we have some funds in reserve they are limited. We are currently sourcing grants through various bodies (including the National Lottery), and we accept that any redevelopment of the park will likely have to be done in stages.

We also have the option to apply for a loan from the Public Works Loan Board. These are available to Parish Councils at a very low rate of interest.

In order that we don't impact other services to the village, we would propose taking out any loan over a longer period. This would reduce the annual payment, without incurring a large amount of additional interest. If we don't take on a loan, we will still be able to undertake some work on the park – but it will be at a much slower rate (unless we are able to get a significantly larger grant than we anticipate).

The Parish Council wants you to decide how we should proceed because we want to invest in facilities that the people of Tupton want; and we have been working with Tupton Primary School to get the opinions of those who will be using the park.

One key problem we are aware of with the site is drainage, which has grown progressively worse over the past few years; so we will be looking to plant a significant proportion with shrubs and trees to aid drainage and also to reduce any potential noise impact on neighbouring homes. We are also keen to ensure that the park is welcoming and practical for families and older people: so that we provide seating for those accompanying children to the park.

The consultation process will run until 6th September 2019 and your completed form may be posted in any of the ballot/collection boxes at the following locations:

- **Tupton Pharmacy**, Green Lane
[Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 09:00-18:00, Sat: 09:00-13:00]
- **The Britannia Inn**, Ward Street
[Opening Hours: Mon-Thu 16:00-23:00, Fri: 15:00-00:00, Sat: 12:00-00:30, Sun: 12:00-22:30]

If you aren't able to return your form to either of the above locations please phone Cllr Ross Shipman on 07890 909486 who will make arrangements to collect at a convenient time.

Thank you for taking the time to have your say.

Yours faithfully



David Hancock
Chair



Cathy Goodyer
Vice Chair

Your Name:

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Your Address:

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Would you be agreeable to the Council taking out a loan to contribute towards the cost of the park's redevelopment*?

** Based on the suggested figures and the proposed term, the maximum loan repayment would increase the Council Tax payable by £0.91 (ninety-one pence) per calendar month on a Band D property.*

YES NO

If yes, much would you be happy for the Council to borrow?

£25,000 £35,000 £45,000 £55,000

What sort of facilities would you like to see at the park?

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In the event that we have to stage its development, what five items of equipment/facilities would you like us to prioritise?

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Please use this space to tell us of any other suggestions/ideas you have for the park.

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