



**NORTH WITHAM PLAY AREA PROJECT  
UPDATE TO WORKING GROUP/COUNCIL  
06 July 2021 – Agenda Item 2020.46.2 (2)**

Last report to Council: 01 June 2021

For council to note:

- Tremendous work carried out by the North Witham Village Hall Committee and volunteers to remove the old equipment from site and prepare for installation.
- Wicksteed have experienced some supply issues resulting in delays but have offered compensatory inspections
- The installation commenced 23 June 2021 under the supervision of Cllr Clark and North Witham Village Hall Committee and will continue into week commencing 28 June 2021
- FCC Communities have asked for an update on the Project and this is in draft form with excellent photos provided by North Witham Village Hall Committee of all stages of the installation and will be shared with Council
- The Clerk has continued communicated with Wicksteed regarding the plan for a two stage payment – phase one on manufacture and phase two after installation and sign off. This will assist the Council's cashflow position and requirements for reclaiming VAT by the Clerk.
- Signage issues were also considered by the Working Group – this is not a requirement by FCC (although any signage erected must acknowledge the funding of the Project by them). Signage providing details of who is responsible for the equipment and contact details is recommended in Play Area Inspections but is a low risk requirement (none in place at Woolsthorpe or Post Lane Play Areas). Working Group agreed that further expenditure (costs were investigated by the Clerk) is not therefore, recommended to Council.
- Resolution to Council: Due to the delay with the Wicksteed New Play Equipment installation and the knowledge of the FCC planned holiday dates the Clerk recommends that £20,000.00 is transferred from the Parish Council Deposit Account to the Community Account to cover cash flow until receipt of the 1<sup>st</sup> FCC Grant instalment. See agenda item 2021.46.04.1

Cllr Hainsworth  
On behalf of the NW Play Area Working Group  
28 June 2021

Record of Decisions

February 2020

Minute 19.167: Set up E&A Working Group with the aim of providing new equipment and upgrade existing Play Area at the North Witham Village Hall

03 March 2020

Minute 19.188.2(2):

- Ringfence £4,000 to facilitate grant application to FCC
- Clerk is confirmed as the authorised signatory to submit application

December 2020

- Confirmation received that the Board of Directors of FCC Communities Foundation had allocated a grant of up to **£31,177.00** towards the eligible costs of the project
- Payment of £3,351.53 third party funding from the Parish Council made to FCC Recycling (UK) Ltd as required under the Terms and Conditions of the grant allocation



January 2020

- Site meeting with Wicksteed to provide update of costs and outline project plan and Terms and Conditions.
- FCC updated with additional information required and the scheme has now been registered with the Regulator by FCC and formal Funding Agreement issued prior to any order being placed.

February 2021

Minute **2020.115.2**

- Clerk to be signatory for the FCC Recycling (UK) formal Funding Agreement for FC-1781 Grant.
- FCC Funding Agreement agreed for signature.

April 2021

Agenda Item **2020.170.2(2)**

NWVH Committee and volunteers to clear and dispose of existing equipment to prepare site

June 2021

Agenda Item **2020.31.2 (2)**

Phased payments to Wicksteed by Clerk to align with FCC payment programme, cashflow for the Council and VAT reclaim by Clerk

July 2021

2021.46.4 (1) – Transfer of funds between Deposit account to Community Account to cover cashflow

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