



**NORTH WITHAM PLAY AREA PROJECT
UPDATE TO WORKING GROUP/COUNCIL
02 November 2021 – Agenda Item 2021.93.2(2)**

Last report to Council: 01 June 2021

For council to note:

- Final report has been submitted to FCC along with Storyboard of the Project produced by Cllr Clark.
- This has been accepted by FCC
- Final phased payment has been applied for and this FCC have confirmed that this is being processed for the end of October 2021
- The remedial works on the concaved platform has been carried out 21 October 2021
- The reclaim of VAT will conclude the financial/administrative management of the Project
- The Project is now concluded and the reserve funds of £398.47 will be returned to general funds

Thank you to the members of the Working Group who have brought this Project to a conclusion

Cllr Hainsworth
On behalf of the NW Play Area Working Group
21 October 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

September 2021

2021.61(2) - The Parish Council were awaiting a solution from Wicksteed Leisure Ltd to a manufacturing defect identified on the concaved platforms on the play equipment which causes standing water to gather before paying the second Installment invoice.



Resolved to agree the wording of the FCC Project Press Release, date and publication

October 2021

2021.79(1)and(2)

A solution has been agreed with Wicksteed Leisure Limited for them to carry out the work to create drainage holes (less than 6mm) on the platforms on the MESO unit which would be coated in a non-corrosive substance at no cost to the Parish Council. Wicksteed Leisure Limited confirmed that the warranty of the equipment would not be affected.

Awaiting approval of the final report which has been submitted to FCC. The detailed Story Board of the project submitted to Council by Councillor Clark has been circulated to all Councillors

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