

Decision taken by: **Ward Member for North Downs West**

Subject: Lyminge Youth Action

Executive/non-executive decision: Non-executive

Date decision taken: 4 March 2020

Name and address of applicant(s):

Mark Towse
Committee Member
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Name and description of project:

Tayne Field Play Park - A complete renewal and expansion of the Tayne Field play park in Lyminge, through which safe and attractive new play parks for under 5s and for children aged 5-14 will be created, and a small amphitheatre also created as a multi-use venue for the whole local community

DECISION:

To provide funding of £1200 to the above project.

Reason for decision:

In 2016 we conducted a parent and pupil questionnaire at the local primary and pre-school to ascertain the use of the play area as it currently is and whether there was a desire to have it replaced.

Despite it being the only play area for children aged over 6 in the village and in a prime location next to the primary school, the vast majority of parents stated that they do not use the park because they are concerned about its safety. The equipment, having been installed in the 1960s, is still reviewed against the safety regulations of this period. When asked whether they would like and would use a new play park built in the same location, the response was an overwhelming yes, with over 95% of parents and 100% of pupils stating that they would.

Our bid to bring a new park to the village is being supported by both the Parish Council and local residence association, with the Parish agreeing to take on the on-going maintenance upon completion. Our planning application, made through the Parish Council (who own the land), was granted in November 2019.

Declarations or disclosable pecuniary interest/any other significant interest:

None

The decision set out above was made by me.

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Signed:

4 March 2020

**Councillor Ms Susan Carey
North Downs West Ward**