

Decision taken by: **Ward Member for Walland and Dengemarsh
– Councillor Clive Goddard**

Subject: JAM

Executive/non-executive decision: Non-executive

Date decision taken: 23 February 2021

Name and address of applicant(s):

Sarah Armitage
Ludwell House, Charing, Ashford,
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Name and description of project:

Marsh primary schools – Ferdinand the Bull, part of JAM on the Marsh
(JOTM) festival

To support the delivery of a free filmed performance of Ferdinand the Bull for all
Marsh primary schoolchildren to participate in school and enjoy this summer, and
future years.

DECISION:

To provide funding of £1000 to the above project.

Reason for decision:

Since July 2017 the IAA has undertaken an ongoing project to remove/renovate old equipment and provide exciting, safe new items which will greatly improve the recreational area and enable it to cater for a wide age range. The village green is in the heart of the village, opposite St. Georges Church and The Bell Inn. Improving the facilities here will also enhance the attractiveness of the village. The final piece of equipment to be installed (phase 3) is the Rotating Spica, which is suitable for age range 6 to 12 years.

Concerns were voiced by some mums at the toddler group about the lack of "anywhere decent for the kids to play". The IAA inspected the play area and agreed. The present equipment is what remains of the original play park put up some years ago. It is unattractive and does not provide a very stimulating environment, so this issue was focused on at the next IAA AGM.

At this meeting and other events various Play Equipment Brochures were viewed and opinions sought from parents and children. The boys wanted a ballwall and parents and children wanted something interactive for the younger children. Several companies have provided designs and tenders for suitable recreation equipment in line with our requests.

The ball wall, Milton(multi-activity unit) and a springy have been installed. Another piece of visually exciting equipment for the 6 to 12 year age range of all genders will complete the play facilities.

It will regenerate this prime site in the heart of the village opposite the church and the pub.

The Parish Council is also happy to continue to maintain the playground.

Declarations or disclosable pecuniary interest/any other significant interest:

None

The decision set out above was made by me.

Signed:



23 February 2021

**Councillor Clive Goddard
Ward – Walland and Dengemarsh**