

## Iver Recreation Ground Path

Appendix 11a

### 1.0 Background

In February 2021 the Parish Council received confirmation that it had been awarded a grant of £36,000 from Grundon / Groundwork towards the completion of a replacement perimeter pathway at the Iver Recreation Ground.

Consulting Civil Engineers (Infrastruct CS Limited) were contracted to assist with the management of the project including design, assistance with tendering and consultancy. This was at a cost of £2,600 for their entire involvement.

Work started on developing the project post May 2021 after the new council was elected.

The consultants produced a plan and an open meeting was held in late summer 2021 including the consultant to develop the idea further and to identify what surfaces could be considered. As a consequence of this the Deputy Clerk via Infrastruct CS Limited identified a contractor who would give us some indicative prices for the project including materials, labour, cost of removal of spoil etc.

As part of the preparatory work it was noted that a portion of the path floods given the condition of the ground and a suggestion was made to divert the path around that area.

### 2.0 Estimated cost of completion

Depending on surface and finish the indicative cost ranged from £201k to £94k. The consultants suggested a reputable contractor to help provide approximate costings. See appendix 11b.

### 3.0 Bid Breakdown

The Bid of £36,000 won is broken down as follows:

Management Time	£1,500
Design Consultant	£2,000
Construction of Footpath	£30,000
Review of Completed Work and certification	£1,500
Signage and Waymarking	£1,000

### 4.0 Proposal for progression

It should be generally accepted that we cannot complete the project in full and therefore a phased approach should be the option. We should start seeking other opportunities for funding so we can consider building a strategic 3-5 year plan to complete the project.

The Deputy Clerk has spoken extensively to the consultants to seek their opinion on how we could proceed and the outcome of this that we could focus on

potentially diverting the path as suggested on the original plan to avoid the flood area and get a much done in this first phase as the £30,000 will allow us to do.

### **5.0 Strategic Approach – Phased implementation**

Adding in the fact that within a similar timeframe we can be looking at the provision of hedging / trees and benches (as part of a Covid memorial) at the top end of the recreation Ground near to the Jubilee Pavilion to satisfy the planning decision means we can present to the community a phased plan of improvements to the Recreation Ground. Within this we could also exploit our desire to improve the Access to All approach we wish to improve. This could be part of an overall plan of improvements.

### **6.0 Next Steps**

This report is put together to update the Committee on work carried out and to stimulate a discussion to help set the direction for the Deputy Clerk to progress this project.

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