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OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL

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Subject: Play Equipment at Royce's Recreation Ground	
Applicable Strategy: Improve and increase facilities within the town	

Background

The former Nest Swing was erected in 2010 in Royce's Recreation Ground, as part of the Play builder Project and was aimed at older children . Regretfully, the nest swing was broken twice as a result of too many children being on it. The decision was taken not to replace it after the second time and despite considerable efforts, no satisfactory replacement was found so the nest swing was reinstated using the existing tripod arch in 2014.

In December 2018 a quarterly certified inspection was carried out by Wicksteed who stated that the bearing was binding, allowing the suspension chains to wrap and creating potential entrapment and crush hazards. This inspection was made from surface level.

Due to the unit height, special access equipment was required to assess the bearing assembly, suspension shackles and upper chain links. This inspection and removal of the basket was carried out by Kompan in February 2019 at a cost £667 plus vat.

The former equipment is a very old style that Kompan no longer manufacture and not easily to access for inspection or repair, therefore Kompan have provided a quotation for a new unit.

A quotation of £15,692.80 (plus vat includes equipment, removal of the old unit, wet pour surface repair and comes with a new 5-year warranty and guarantee.

A quotation of £1250 (plus vat) would be to remove the existing tripod arch.

The budget set aside for the current financial year for play equipment is £9000. However, any additional money for play equipment will have to come from the Council's general reserves which would need to be ratified by full Council.

Decisions

Members are being asked to decide on what should be done with the redundant equipment:

- To decide whether to agree in principle and accept the quotation of £15,692.80 (plus vat) for removal of the old equipment and installation of the new swing
- To decide whether to remove the equipment and accept the quotation of £1250 (plus vat) and pass to the Parks and Open Spaces Task and Finish group for an appropriate way forward
- To discuss any other matters raised by members and to make decisions as appropriate
- To decide in principle to whether this committee approves any expenditure with its delegated powers within the budget heading of Play Equipment but is ratified by full Council