

Report No.4

Report to Policy and Resources Committee 5th September 2017

Leases for play areas

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To inform the committee of the draft leases received from Wiltshire Council in respect of land at Filands and Newton Grove.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Town Council sought to have the land set aside as a play area at Filands to be transferred into the ownership of the Town Council in order to secure the release of section 106 funds with which to improve the play equipment on this site, much of which was no longer useable.
- 2.2 Wiltshire Council indicated that whilst it was prepared to transfer the land this could only be arranged via a short lease agreement until such time as resources allowed for a permanent transfer.
- 2.3 An additional stipulation was made by Wiltshire Council that the play area at Newton Grove would be transferred to the Town Council under the same arrangement.
- 2.4 The Town Council agreed to accept the transfer of land held by Wiltshire Council for the purposes of a play area at Filands and the transfer of the play area at Newton Grove, initially on short term leases and the Town Clerk was authorised to negotiate the details of the leases.

3. Proposals

- 3.1 The leases issued by Wiltshire Council are in a standard format and similar to the agreement entered into for the area at Reeds Farm

4. Financial implications and risks

- 4.1 The bulk of expenditure necessary for the play equipment at Filands is anticipated to be funded through remaining section 106 money but that at Newton Grove may need to be replaced using and receipts from CIL or the reserves of the Town Council.
- 4.2 The additional revenue cost of maintaining the areas will fall upon the budget of the Town Council although there will be a small sum of money transferred from commuted sums from Wiltshire Council

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Members are requested to note the report and agree that the leases should be signed.

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Town Clerk
24th August 2017.