

## Planning & Development Meeting – 19 January 2021

### Agenda Item PD3766/21

#### Table Tennis Tables – Community Infrastructure Levy

##### Introduction

To discuss whether to install two outdoor table tennis tables at Baldwins Lane park.

##### Discussion

The Council recently asked residents to submit their suggestions for how the Council should allocate spare funding not spent due to Covid-19.

One of the suggestions was that the Council installs publicly accessible outdoor table tennis tables.

A competitively priced option is available through Concrete Sports (<https://www.concretesports.co.uk/concrete-table-tennis/>). An example is shown below.



The table and legs are made from concrete, the net aluminium, and can be painted in green. A table is priced at £1595 with full installation and delivery costing an extra £650.

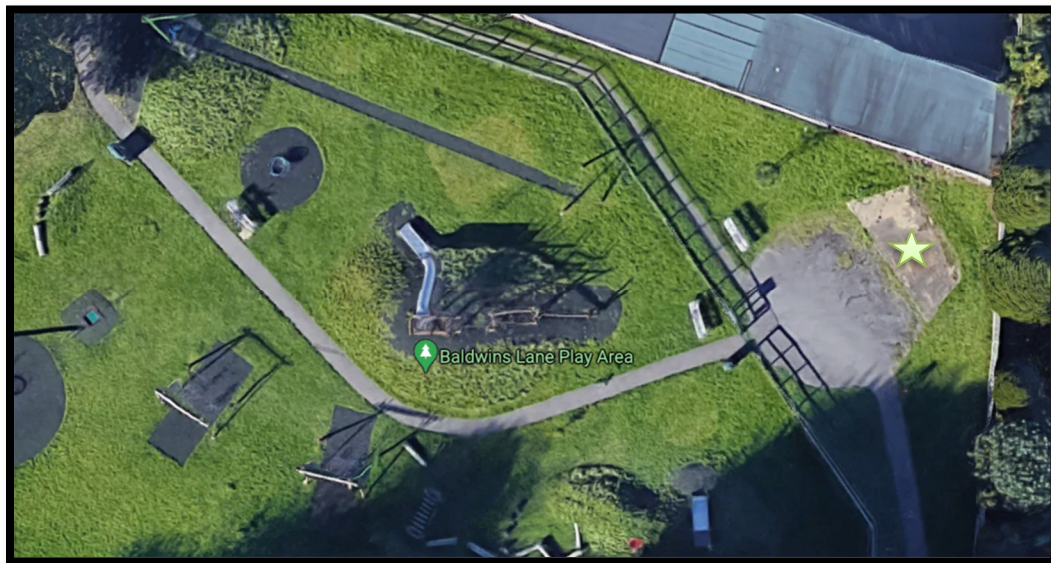
Users would bring their own playing equipment when using the table.

Three Rivers District Council have indicated that they would be open to the tables being installed at Baldwins Lane recreation ground and that the Parish Council would be able to use its Community Infrastructure Levy funds to purchase the equipment.

I have suggested that CIL funds be used rather than financing from the Council's Covid-19 reserve as the CIL funds must be spent within 5 years of receipt whereas there is no restriction on how quickly the Covid reserve must be spent.

Currently the Council has £27,315.32 available in CIL funds, £2054 of which must be spent by October 2021.

The exact location of where the tables would be sited is currently unknown, but I suggest they be installed on the disused concrete space opposite the entrance to the playground (see picture below).



Additional funding would be required for this and a request will be brought to Council if the location is suitable and an accurate figure can be obtained.

### **Recommendations**

#### **To recommend to Council:**

1. That two concrete outdoor table tennis tables be purchased and installed at a cost of £4490.
2. That the purchase be financed with Community Infrastructure Levy funding.
3. That the Clerk investigates installing the tables on the disused concrete space adjacent to the Baldwins Lane playground.

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