

Village Field:

Update for Parish Council Meeting Thursday 7th September 2023

Funding summary

Between 2020 and 2021 a total of **£4000.00** was allocated by the PC for the village field.

Between 2020 and 2023 approximately £1271.61 of this money was spent.

Remaining money for 2023-24 - approx £2728.39

Expenditure paid or known for payment 2023-2024 approx £1800.00

Remaining money approx **£930.00**

In addition, in 2020, **£1000.00** was allocated for 'village enhancement'.

Expenditure from this money to 2023 £305.00

Remaining money **£695.00**

Maintenance (excluding grass cutting contract)

The work that was started earlier in the year to push back encroaching vegetation onto the field has continued over the Spring and Summer months.

Thank you to all those people who have given time, as volunteers, to the work. Over 100 hours of volunteer help has been recorded.

With dry, summer conditions it was decided to contract Wold Tree Services to chip the brush that had been cleared from the perimeter.

Support was also required for the removal of underground concrete blocks that had formed part of the wooden play equipment. As a result, a digger was used. The contractor for this work also undertook to dig out tree roots and to move soil, levelling and improving the landscape of the perimeter close to the bordering ditch.

Skip hire has been required twice to remove debris.

Remaining work for the coming few months includes rotovating the soil that has been moved by the digger. If possible, grass seeding and bulb planting.

Quotes for the pathway into the lower field and car park entrance are also being sought. We may also be including some fencing work.

Play Equipment

All of the old wooden play equipment had been removed before the Play Inspector visit.

The Inspection took place Monday 14 August. Councillors Hunter and Pilbrow attended.

The inspection report has been sent to all Councillors.

Further to the inspection and the report, a number of recommendations have already been actioned such as the purchases of a new cradle seat, plastic pegs for matting and football net.

Councillor Hunter has actioned work required on gate bolts and the slide.

Update from the Upper Field Working Party

The working party have met on 5 occasions since the last PC meeting. In addition, a number of members attended a Grant evening hosted by WLDC.

Using the survey/consultation results the working party have used 3 Play equipment companies for quotes and draft plan.

All residents of both Claxby and Normanby were invited to a couple of drop-in sessions which were held in the Village Hall on 31st August to view our progress and to make observations.

We are confident that we are prepared to apply for our first grant. This will be to WLDC.