

Information for Stow Parish residents from Stow Recreation Fund

Further to the public meeting on 6th August 2019, when all Stow Parish residents were invited to attend and discuss possible projects for the benefit of the village that could be funded by the Stow Recreation Fund, we have the following update:-

The projects that were approved at the public meeting, and have been researched by the committee are:-

1. Defibrillator – we are working on this being located outside the Cross Keys.

We hope to obtain the defibrillator under the WLDC scheme which provides community defibs at a subsidised cost.

Draft budget for purchase/ fitting and related costs £1,200

2. Flashing Speed signs on entering the village on Ingham Road and Sturton Road

Discussions are taking place with Lincolnshire Highways and the Lincoln Road Safety Partnership, together with potential suppliers, as to the possible locations and specifications of the signs themselves.

Draft budget for purchase of signs/erection of poles/ fitting etc £6,000

3. Electronic winding system for the village clock in the Church tower

Following extensive research and discussions, the lengthy process of obtaining the necessary quotes, permissions, reports and preparatory work is now under way, and it is hoped that the work will be commissioned early next year and the mechanical winding system will be replaced by an accurate electronic system by the summer.

Draft budget for the provision and testing of the electronic winding system, together with related electrical work £7,000

4. New signs on the entrance to the village on Ingham Road, Normanby Road, Stow Park Road and Sturton Road

We have obtained quotes for potential village signs in a variety of materials and designs. There may be 4 signs all the same, or some of different designs, depending on the costs, any restrictions from Highways on siting certain designs, and public feedback. **If you are receiving an electronic version of this letter, photographs of the designs and quotes should be attached, but hard copies can be viewed in the Church, on noticeboards in the Becket Chapel in St Mary's Church.** Any comments about any of the designs can be sent by email to StowRecreationFund@outlook.com, or posted through the letterbox of Exchange House, 6 Ingham Road Stow, **by Saturday 18th Jan 2020.**

Draft budget £4,000 - £6,000

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5. New bench seats – one at the Fleets Road/Ingham Road junction, one on Stow Park Road going out of the village past the cemetery and a picnic bench in the playpark

Quotations have been considered for traditional benches made from metal and oak, and also ones made from recycled plastic materials (there is an example of the latter in the playpark already). Due to the outlying locations that have been suggested for the placement of the benches (and their relative comfort for sitting on) the recycled benches are felt to be more resistant to weather and vandalism, and less attractive to anyone looking for scrap metal opportunities. Provision of benches in those locations is also fulfilling requests made during the walkabout sessions in connection with the Village Plan. The picnic table will also be made of recycled plastic materials, and hopefully prove to be popular.

Draft budget for the provision and fixing of 2 benches and a picnic table £3,000

6. Play park equipment

The piece of climbing/slide equipment currently in the playpark will need replacing soon, and we are looking at helping the Parish Council to replace it with a better quality piece of equipment – ideally one that is inclusive – ie. accessible to every ability.

Draft budget to donate to the Parish Council for this project £5,000

7. Perimeter fencing for play park

Three sides of the perimeter of the play park are poorly fenced, resulting in safety concerns for the users. Depending on what monies remain in the fund after the above projects are completed, we hope to make a donation towards the fencing (which the Parish Council are currently researching).

The current draft budget costs for the approved projects amount to £28,200 leaving £4,200 of the c£32,400 in the fund for contingencies. There are of course maintenance costs to be covered for some of the projects and some may incur costs higher than those currently anticipated. The use of any surplus, especially for the playpark fencing, will be considered once projects 1-6 have been completed.

We hope that you appreciate all the hard work that is going into trying to improve the village's facilities. If you would like to be involved more, then please contact us via email at StowRecreationFund@outlook.com, or on 07805 057583

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