

PERKS PARK

Over the last year a Sub-Committee of the Parks & Cemeteries committee has been working on a plan to improve Perks Park.



The current state of the old paddling stream made us realise that something would need to be done in the near future or we would be creating a dangerous eyesore. This was our starting point for planning new developments with the aim of removing or upgrading the paddling area and adding further features to make the park more interesting and user friendly.



A questionnaire was sent to every household in the village asking for opinions on what we should do and we have used the replies to guide our plans.

Unfortunately Health & Safety dictated that the paddling area could not be refilled and surveys by contractors led us to the reluctant decision to remove the old concrete and fill the area to make a new path.

The ability to walk or run around the whole park was a priority on resident's replies so we have planned to do just that with a new path around the perimeter that can be used by walkers and runners alike. Benches and flower beds are also planned around the path.



The existing football pitch will remain but after discussion with the main club using the pitch it will be slightly smaller, more player friendly, re-lined and the goal area improved.

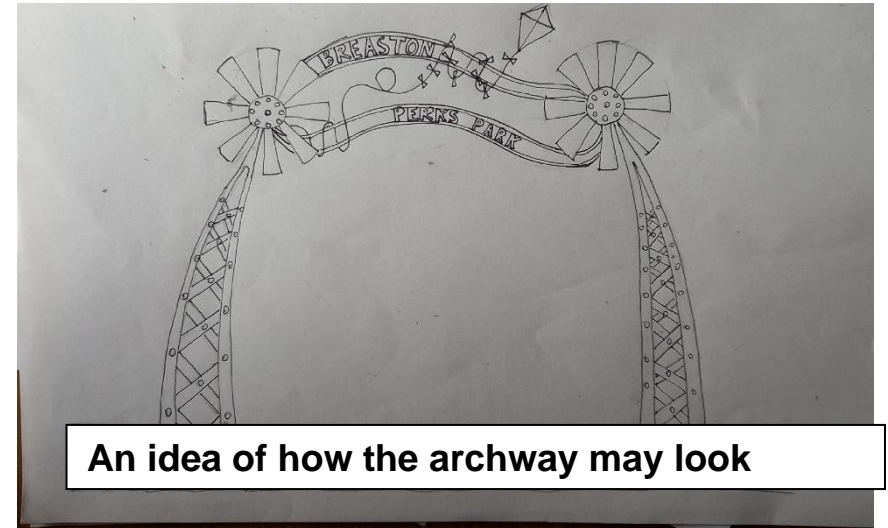
Another popular suggestion was to install some exercise equipment for older children and adults to use so we have ordered 5 pieces of equipment that will be installed along the side parallel to Rectory road.



Unfortunately the central Right of Way path through the park is very dark in the evenings so we plan to install lighting along its length and also CCTV is to be installed that will cover the whole of the park so that all our new improvements are not spoilt by Anti-Social behaviour.

The Rectory road entrance is quite small, offers limited access and not very attractive so we are planning a new entrance further along near the MUGA which will hopefully have an archway and flower tubs to welcome visitors and will be disability friendly.

The Longmoor lane entrance is also to be improved.



Obviously all of these improvements are subject to sufficient finance being obtained. We have already been successful in obtaining a grant to cover the cost of the new exercise equipment and are busy applying for more funding from many sources.

If you have any questions or would like to help with funding please speak to Cllr. Rowlinson or the Parish Clerk.