

**REPORT 21.094****LAVERSTOCK AND FORD PARISH COUNCIL****SUBJECT: Old Sarum Skatepark – Additional Provision****DATE: 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021****AUTHOR: Trudi Deane, Assistant to Clerk****1. Report Summary**

A report to councillors on proposed additional funds for Old Sarum Skatepark.

**2. Background**

In April 2019, the Parish Council resolved to contribute £50,000.00 from the Youth and Adult Off-Site Open Space Contribution from Area 10 at Old Sarum, towards the provision of Old Sarum Skatepark. It was expected that the Old Sarum Skatepark group would raise £10,000.00 towards the project.

**3. Summary**

COVID restrictions have prevented the Skatepark Group from holding any fundraising events in the past eighteen months. The total funds raised by the Skatepark Group, which have now been transferred to the Parish Council, were £8,578.00, leaving a shortfall of £1,422.00.

In April 2021, the Parish Council resolved to appoint Gravity Skateparks to construct the Old Sarum Skatepark for a total cost of £60,000.00. It was anticipated that access would be possible across adjacent land, owned by Persimmon Homes, and Gravity requested permission for access in April 2021. Despite many telephone calls and emails, Persimmon had still not confirmed permission for the access by mid May 2021, so Gravity were instructed to identify an alternative means of access. Gravity have proposed an alternative access from further away along Sherbourne Drive, which will only involve crossing land owned by the Parish Council. However, difficulties with this access will require additional manhours and plant hire of dumper trucks, resulting in an additional cost of £5,500.00. To fund this from the £60,000.00 budget would require a reduction in size of the proposed skatepark.

Plans have been made to proceed with this alternative access, but on 15<sup>th</sup> June, Persimmon finally granted permission to cross their land. Gravity are making plans to agree terms and conditions to use this original preferred access, but it is not currently known if arrangements can be agreed in time for the intended start date of 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021. The costs of this access will be determined by the demands of Persimmon regarding temporary haulage surfaces, reinstatement etc. Final costs of both options will be available prior to the start date and a decision on which access to use will be made then.

The below recommendations to approve additional funds for the provision of the Skatepark will ensure we still achieve the intended £60,000.00 facility. The funds would come from the same Youth and Adult contribution but for Area 9A/9B at Old Sarum.

**4. Recommendations**

That the council resolves to approve additional funds of £1422.00 towards the construction of the Skatepark, from Youth and Adult Off-Site Open Space Contribution for Area 9A/9B.

That the council resolves to approve up to £5,500.00 towards the costs of access for the contractor and materials to the Skatepark site, from Youth and Adult Off-Site Open Space Contribution for Area 9A/9B.