



Pump Track decisions:



Dodderhill Parish Council
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Village Hall Refurbishment and Recreation Ground Enhancements 2020

The community of Dodderhill Parish has the opportunity to apply for up to £300,000 to refurbish Wychbold Village Hall in School Road and up to £40,000 to make improvements to the Wychbold Recreation Ground.

- Investing in the Hall for the future
- Eco friendly improvements to keep running costs down
- Additional rooms for hire
- Community activity space
- Access improvements
- Enhancements to community allotments
- Nature trail completion
- Pump track for bikes & scooters

A first round application to the Wychavon Community Legacy Grant fund has been successful and the Parish Council now need your help!

We need volunteers to help deliver surveys to households, shops and businesses to act as drop off points for surveys and people with experience in writing funding bids. The Parish Council need to match fund any award from the Community Legacy Fund and currently have some New Homes Bonus and "section 106" money available. However, we need to apply for more funding to make this project come to life.

If you think you can help, please contact the parish clerk at clerk@dodderhillparishcouncil.co.uk

<http://dodderhillparishcouncil.co.uk/funding-opportunities.../>



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Meeting of the Parish Council held at **7:00PM on Monday 5th August 2019**
at Wychbold Village Hall, School Road, Wychbold, WR9 7PU

Minutes

Public participation

Members of the public raised the following issues:

- A proposed bike track event on DPC land was discussed. It was pointed out that this is not a DPC supported event and any liability for loss or injury of any party taking part would be the responsibility of the "organiser". The provision of a permanent facility would be supported by the Parish Council subject to finding a suitable location and securing the necessary funding.

The youngsters asked with obvious support of the community so we investigated the possibility – we have secured the funding but would like to secure further funding to get the best possible facility for this group of the community.

We asked the youngsters not to use the woods, they have been patiently waiting for the facility.

Covid-19 restrictions have hampered the communication process of this project however the Community Consultation was planned when all information had been obtained.



The original 2014 plans



On the 2014 plan and survey, the skateboard park was planned (smaller than a pump track) in the area of the current dog bark.

Since that point the Parish council has managed to achieve the following:

- Secure a larger Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) that accommodates football, cricket, tennis basketball etc.
- Protected the play area against rogue footballs by placing the MUGA between the football field and the play area.
- Facilitated a zip wire and table tennis tables.
- Facilitated a Dog agility run
- Facilitated better drainage for the field.
- Secured funding for the pump track.
- Agreed a 5 year plan with Wychbold Juniors Football teams
- Been approached by a local cricket club
- Been approached by an archery club.



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Funding:

Planning Ref No	Site Name	Schedule	Balance left	Repayment date to return money to the developer *	Planned Allocation Details
W/11/01587	Wychbold Hall, Stoke Road, Wychbold Cycling	Schedule 1	£9,479.81	July 2022	Allocated to pump track
W/13/01818	Land off Crown Lane, Wychbold Cycling	Schedule 2	£16,851.78		
W/12/02136	Land north of Walk Mill Drive, Wychbold Cycling	Schedule 2	£26,331.59		

Pump Track Locations Considerations



There are three locations that have been muted both within the Parish Council and within the community.



The Old Children's play area (Size 21m x 8m)

- This was not considered large enough to facilitate a pump track to meet the needs of the age group.
- The location was dangerous being next door to the carpark.
- The noise level would disturb local residence.
- Due to H&S regulations, this area would only facilitate a pump track of dimensions 15m x 2m.

The area currently known as the Dog Bark Park

- Although a large area, this would infringe on the football field and be outside the five year agreement with Wychbold Juniors football club.
- The dog back park is not under CCTV.
- To the side of the back park is the drainage channels, in place to prevent excess water forming on the football field (paid for by Section 106 money). Wychavon would not allow the moving of all this.
- Due to H&S regulations, this area would only facilitate a pump track of dimensions 3m wide due to the location of the football pitch

The top of the play area (Size 16m x 65m)

- This area is covered by 24 hour cctv which can be zoomed in to.
- The land will have to be landscaped but this will be factored into the costing.
- It will be accessible by all groups.
- Large enough to make a decent sized pump track for the teenage group.
- It is not lit however this will discourage night usage.

Pump Track Construction

We received the following from the national lottery funding

Good afternoon

I've been assessing your recent application to the Community Asset Fund. Your project was discussed at our peer review, the consensus at this discussion was that we are not supportive of this modular type solution for a pump track and we would like you to investigate an alternative approach such as a pre-cast concrete or other more traditional construction methods. In the light of this decision, could you please let me know if this is something you are willing to consider?

Regards


Sports England



The reason behind this choice is the length of guarantee on the structure.

Design and Build

Our project has not yet reached the point at which we are able to ascertain the design and build as we are still working on the incidentals of the project.

During the initial consultation with the youngsters were promised they would be involved. When DPC have identified possible contractors, the youngsters will be invited to participate subject to Covid-19 regulations. Until that point the pump track will be illustrated as an oval shape.

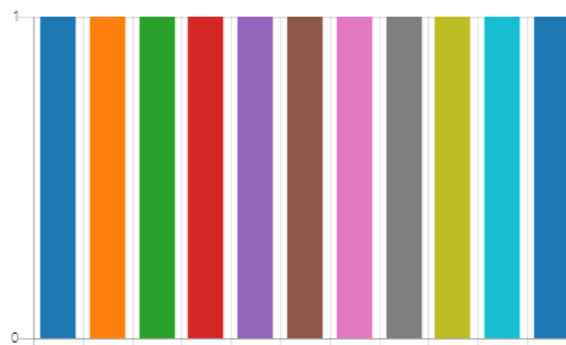
Parish Council process so far.

Pump Track Vote

2. Name

[More Details](#)

	Cllr Maureen Addy	1
	Cllr Robert Addy	1
	Cllr JP Bradley	1
	Cllr Norma Edge	1
	Cllr Aly Keane	1
	Cllr Robert Keane	1
	Cllr John MacDonald	1
	Cllr Nora O'Leary	1
	Cllr Carry Smart	1
	Cllr Jackie Walton	1
	Cllr Doug Webb	1





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3. We should progress with the Section 106 Pump Track Project

[More Details](#)

- Agree
- Disagree
- Abstain



3. We should progress with the Section 106 Pump Track Project

11 Responses

ID ↑	Name	Responses
1	Alyson Keane	Agree we should carry on and finish as per the original 2014 plan
2	Carry Smart	Disagree - we should shelve the project
3	Jackie Walton	Agree we should carry on and finish as per the original 2014 plan
4	Robert Addy	Agree we should carry on and finish as per the original 2014 plan
5	Maureen Addy	Agree we should carry on and finish as per the original 2014 plan
6	Robert Keane	Agree we should carry on and finish as per the original 2014 plan
7	John MacDonald	Agree we should carry on and finish as per the original 2014 plan
8	Paul Bradley	Agree we should carry on and finish as per the original 2014 plan
9	Nora O'Leary	Agree we should carry on and finish as per the original 2014 plan
10	Norma Edge	Abstain
11	Doug Webb	Agree we should carry on and finish as per the original 2014 plan

4. Location of Pump Track

[More Details](#)

- Top of Recreational Field 8
- Old Play area by village hall 2
- Abstain 1





4. Location of Pump Track

11 Responses

ID ↑	Name	Responses
1	Alyson Keane	Top of Recreational Field
2	Carry Smart	Old Play area by village hall
3	Jackie Walton	Top of Recreational Field
4	Robert Addy	Top of Recreational Field
5	Maureen Addy	Top of Recreational Field
6	Robert Keane	Top of Recreational Field
7	John MacDonald	Top of Recreational Field
8	Paul Bradley	Top of Recreational Field
9	Nora O'Leary	Old Play area by village hall
10	Norma Edge	Abstain
11	Doug Webb	Top of Recreational Field

5. Pump Track Design - (Subject to funding specifications)

[More Details](#)

- Long Term Design - Concrete ... 8
- Short Term Design - Modular 2
- Abstain 1





5. Pump Track Design - (Subject to funding specifications)

11 Responses

ID ↑	Name	Responses
1	Alyson Keane	Long Term Design - Concrete & Tarmac
2	Carry Smart	Short Term Design - Modular
3	Jackie Walton	Long Term Design - Concrete & Tarmac
4	Robert Addy	Long Term Design - Concrete & Tarmac
5	Maureen Addy	Long Term Design - Concrete & Tarmac
6	Robert Keane	Long Term Design - Concrete & Tarmac
7	John MacDonald	Long Term Design - Concrete & Tarmac
8	Paul Bradley	Long Term Design - Concrete & Tarmac
9	Nora O'Leary	Short Term Design - Modular
10	Norma Edge	Abstain
11	Doug Webb	Long Term Design - Concrete & Tarmac



6. Pump Track Comments

10 Responses

ID ↑	Name	Responses
1	Carry Smart	This really needs careful consideration
2	Jackie Walton	The only place for the pump track is at the top of the field as no where else is suitable
3	Robert Addy	safety is the main reason i think having the pump track in the old play area is not the way to go ,as having children on bikes milling around that area with cars of families using the play area and village hall constantly in and out would i believe constitute a serious safety risk. I would like to suggest using the old play area for a Petanque/French Boules court with seating around the edges. i believe this would provide a interesting leisure activity and meeting area for the older villagers, This could benefit both their physical and mental health.
4	Maureen Addy	I think the pump track if placed in the old play area is highly dangerous. Lot's of traffic come passed that area to the play park. Also when the hall is up and running again the booking would also drive passed
5	Robert Keane	If we are spreading section 106 money it should be seen investment as a long term project
6	John MacDonald	This had been agreed before my time on the council, not sure why we are even thinking of canceling this project if we still have the funding.
7	Paul Bradley	Top area makes the most sense to keep the kids using it away from the entrance, cars, entrance to the kids enclosed playground



6. Pump Track Comments

10 Responses

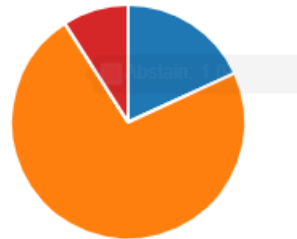
8	Nora O'Leary	<p>I understand Evesham will be installing a state of the art pump track (not sure what it's called) in the near future, so perhaps if we had a smaller one it would be better. As we all know youngsters get fed up with things and fashions change. Installing new things is all very fine but these need ongoing maintenance/repair/replacement which could put a strain on funds. Raising the precept will not be received well by the Community. Because of the ground conditions (clay/salt) concrete could be a major problem.</p>
9	Norma Edge	<p>Questions 3 and 4 are leading questions. Why shouldn't we consider the 2017 plans which are more recent than 2014? This has not been put in as an option. If equipment can be moved from the top of the field, then it should be an option to move equipment in the middle and lower parts of the field. The middle of the field isn't given as an option, and yet it is more accessible to all members of the community (which was at the top of the Pelland Pump Track Site Selection criteria list). It is also nearer to facilities (a requirement of the users) and parking, and negates the need for any changes to the allotment access (and any associated costs both financially and to the natural environment). A socially-distanced site visit hasn't been carried out by the current Council. Surely we should be doing this, which would enable us all to discuss it at the same time, and in turn will help with our decision-making. This would give us an opportunity to talk to any members of the public who are present about what we are doing. N.B. The workshops in relation to the Legacy Fund weren't consultations, and weren't well attended (if at all), the first because of lack of notice.</p>
10	Doug Webb	<p>We should look to minimise the environment impact of the track with other environment positive elements to ensure this is done in an ecological manner.</p>



7. Gate Options

[More Details](#)

- Do not move current gate ent... 2
- Relocate gate entrance further... 8
- Close off entrance and use VH... 0
- Abstain 1



7. Gate Options

11 Responses

ID ↑	Name	Responses
1	Alyson Keane	Relocate gate entrance further down
2	Carry Smart	Do not move current gate entrance
3	Jackie Walton	Relocate gate entrance further down
4	Robert Addy	Relocate gate entrance further down
5	Maureen Addy	Relocate gate entrance further down
6	Robert Keane	Relocate gate entrance further down
7	John MacDonald	Relocate gate entrance further down
8	Paul Bradley	Relocate gate entrance further down
9	Nora O'Leary	Do not move current gate entrance
10	Norma Edge	Abstain
11	Doug Webb	Relocate gate entrance further down



8. New Gate Location

[More Details](#)

● Top of Orchard	8
● In Woods	0
● Abstain	3



8. New Gate Location

11 Responses

ID ↑	Name	Responses
1	Alyson Keane	Top of Orchard
2	Carry Smart	Abstain
3	Jackie Walton	Top of Orchard
4	Robert Addy	Top of Orchard
5	Maureen Addy	Top of Orchard
6	Robert Keane	Top of Orchard
7	John MacDonald	Top of Orchard
8	Paul Bradley	Top of Orchard
9	Nora O'Leary	Abstain
10	Norma Edge	Abstain
11	Doug Webb	Top of Orchard



9. Gate Comments

7 Responses

ID ↑	Name	Responses
1	Carry Smart	Move the gate further in for safety, cars can turn in the field but they can turn safely off Stoke Road
2	Maureen Addy	The proposed new gate way would in my opinion be much better placed. Yes there is a slight bend but not as much as the present one.
3	Robert Keane	The statistics do not represent this as being a dangerous road and we need to ensure that we manage the new entrance in such away that is the visibility is at its maximum. This may involve removing more hedge than just a gate width but the planting of new growth in the wooded area will combat the ecological loss.
4	John MacDonald	I have personally seen a car stop on the main road while someone opened the gate, I thought this was dangerous. If we are going to have a gate of the main road then the gate needs to be set at least a cars length of the road so a car can pull in then open the gate without being any obstruction on the main road. If the gate cannot be moved then i would recommend the gate be removed and use the car park at the Village Hall.
5	Nora O'Leary	Perhaps when the the pump track dimensions/type is available we will be able to have further discussions about the entrance/entrances. However, I object to (Option 1) but fully support (Option 2). o
6	Norma Edge	A socially-distanced site visit is needed, and should include the users of the access as part of the consultation. The memorial orchard is a community asset, and to decimate it unnecessarily may lead to a backlash from the public. If markers could be put down to show exactly where the different options would be, and how much of the hedgerow/habitat/trees/greenery would be affected, this would help to inform our decision-making.
7	Doug Webb	By moving the gate it will ensure that any future financial impact to the council and taxpayers is minimised in continuing in providing access to the top area and allotments and it will also allow the opening up of the existing track along the wooded area to increase the biodiversity of the area.



10. Hardstanding (subject to funding)

[More Details](#)

- No hardstanding - Drop off p... 2
- Apply for full planning permis... 8
- Abstain 1



10. Hardstanding (subject to funding)

11 Responses

ID ↑	Name	Responses
1	Alyson Keane	Apply for full planning permission
2	Carry Smart	No hardstanding - Drop off point only
3	Jackie Walton	Apply for full planning permission
4	Robert Addy	Apply for full planning permission
5	Maureen Addy	Apply for full planning permission
6	Robert Keane	Apply for full planning permission
7	John MacDonald	Apply for full planning permission
8	Paul Bradley	No hardstanding - Drop off point only
9	Nora O'Leary	Apply for full planning permission
10	Norma Edge	Abstain
11	Doug Webb	Apply for full planning permission



11. Hardstanding Comments

5 Responses

ID↑	Name	Responses
1	Carry Smart	This also needs further investigation
2	Maureen Addy	This would be beneficial for the allotment holder. Also having spoken to Fiona's husband who the orchard is in honour of he has given his full blessing about moving some of the trees inward a little and a hard standing being placed there. He has also offered to help in any way
3	Robert Keane	The result of the planning permission will determine whether this becomes a hard standing or drop off point. I also believe that the planners will take into account all the relevant factors when making their decision.
4	Norma Edge	A socially-distanced site visit is needed, and should include the users of both the access and hardstand to see what they think. Gate options 2 (woodland) and 3 (existing) would not impact the memorial orchard. Presumably the hardstand would be in the same location for both (end of the woodland, by the allotments).
5	Doug Webb	The hard standing should be of an environmentally sound type and not in my view tarmac. It should be for a maximum of two vehicles at most. Should the parking area not be viable then I support a fall back option of a drop off point.

One Parish Councillor disclosed another declarable interest after the discussion and vote. This was discussed with the legal team who confirmed the vote result still stood.

Councillors do not see how other councillors vote when using the online process.