

## Deopham & Hackford Parish Council

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### Deopham Playing Field – Play Park Development Project 2022

#### History of Deopham Playing Field

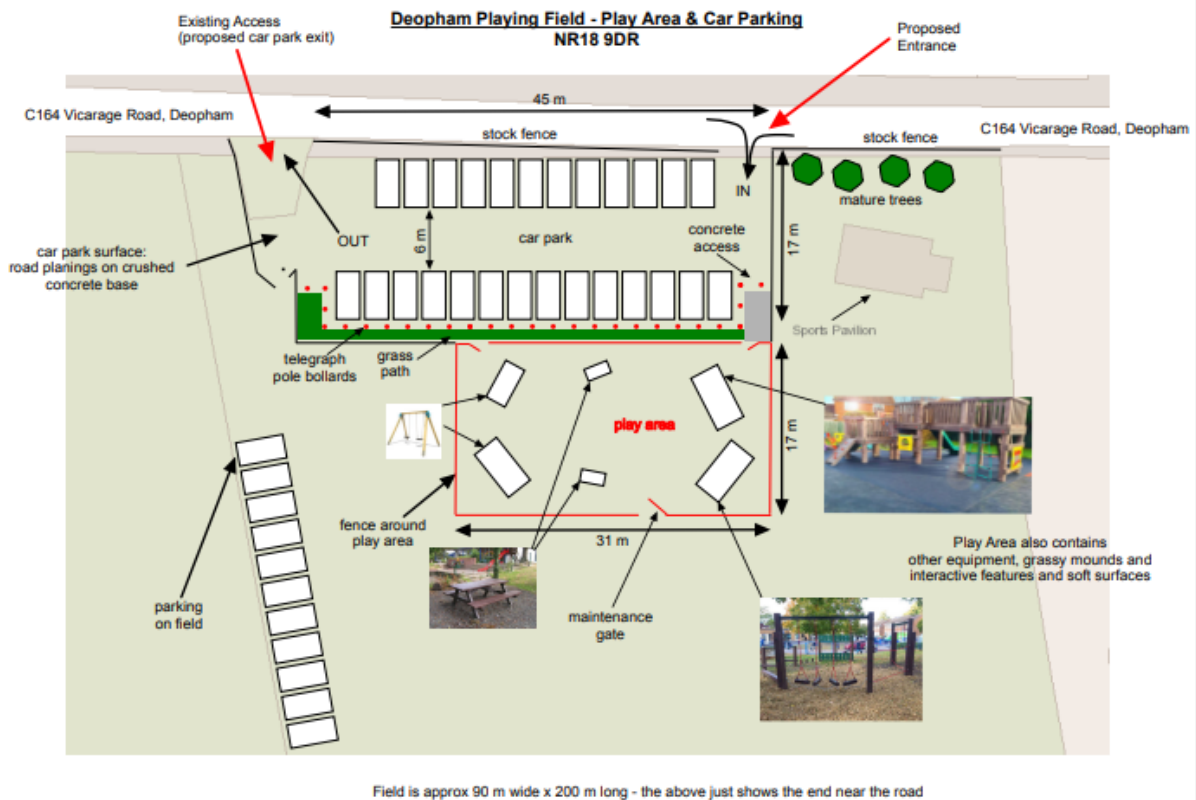
Deopham playing field is off Vicarage Road in Deopham. It is owned by The Rix Charity and rented to the Parish Council on a long term lease to provide a recreational area to the parish. The Parish Council took over the lease and running of the field from the Playing Field Association in 2008. Onsite were a Pavilion, 2 full size football goals, a double swing set and a single baby swing and a ball shooting game. There are a number of benches, a noticeboard and rubbish bin. Parking is available for 1-2 cars in front of the gate, further parking is on the road.



#### Proposal

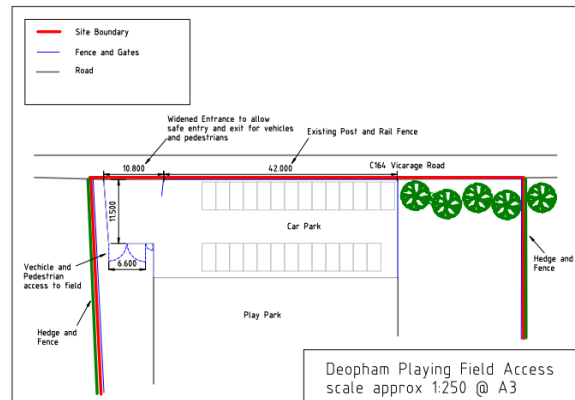
The Parish Council wish to improve facilities at the playing field, to make it more accessible and offer facilities for a wider range of users. In May 2021 the Council created a working party to research and design plans for the improvements, as well as to source quotes and funding. The initial design included a new car park, with the introduction of a new entrance. This would improve safety of access to the site, enabling visitors to park in a safe area off the road away from traffic. The current play area will be removed and relocated further into the field, beyond the car park. The new play area will also be fenced to keep children safe and dogs out of the area. The amount of play equipment will be increased, with a focus on sustainable and recycled materials. The existing Pavilion will remain and is to be improved at a later date. This provides changing facilities for football teams and is locked to the general public. The full size football pitch will also remain, this is not currently hired out for use. There will remain plenty of freely accessible space on the field for those not using the play area.

The design below demonstrates the initial plans and where the car park and new play area will be in relation to each other. For larger community events the gate onto the field can be opened to allow for cars to park on the grass along the side of the field. This access gate will usually be locked and only used by the grass contractor.



### Planning Application (Application 2022/0522)

Following consultation with South Norfolk Council the design for the car park and new wider entrance was re-modelled, removing the in and out system and keeping just one widened entry point. A planning application was submitted in March 2022. The application was given approval in June 2022.



### Play Area Quotes

The Working Party visited various local play areas and documented pieces of equipment they felt would be appropriate for Deopham. They then met various play equipment suppliers on site to discuss options, before official quotes were drawn up and submitted. The Council opted to use (insert supplier) due to (insert reasons for selection).

### Funding

The Council currently has a reserve fund of CIL money which it has allocated to the project. A further reserve fund for the equipment has been saved over a number of years via fundraising events, donations and the precept. This fund continues to grow with further fundraising events planned throughout 2022. The current funds stand at:

CIL	£6338.85
Replacement Play Equipment Reserve	£2433.84 (does not include beetle drive or deopham through the ages)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£8772.69</b>

### Cost of Project

The costs of the project are estimated to be:

Play Equipment	TBC when supplier agreed
New fence for Play area	TBC when supplier agreed
New car park and entrance gate	TBC when supplier agreed
<b>TOTAL COST OF PROJECT</b>	
<b>REMAINING FUNDS REQUIRED FROM GRANTS</b>	

The Council will be applying for grants for the remaining funds to complete the project. As part of this the Council is applying to the Community Action Fund for £15,000.