

Alice Park Trust Sub-Committee – 23 April 2018

Alice Park Footpaths

As a result of the Alice Park survey a key concern of users was the inability to navigate around the park using connected footpaths.

After consultations with B&NES parks department it was suggested that two sections of additional paths would create the desired connections and allow circular travel around the park whilst addressing additional issues.

The first section is at the top of the park near the tennis courts. At present the desire route, particularly for dog walkers, is behind the courts. This is causing maintenance problems, in addition to being a refuge for perceived anti-social behaviour and is creating safety issues. It is recommended that this section, as indicated on the attached map, will create a safe route across the park and, in addition, serve as the entry to the tennis courts (which is desired should and when the project with the Lawn Tennis Association is finalised) and protect the land behind the courts and not encourage any opportunity for anti-social behaviour there.

The second section will connect the main gate, as indicated on the attached map, along the youngsters' play area fencing (passing the boules terrain) and connect to the new skate park area and existing pathway. This will also assist in the connection to the proposed new pedestrian entry at the corner of the park.

The additional routes would require 320 metres of additional paths.

Bath City Forum (BCF) is tasked with distribution of 15% of the Community Infrastructure Levy which comes from the various developments within the city; Lambridge has had a number of such developments.

A successful bid of £43,200 has been made to BCF and is now awaiting sign off from the cabinet member following the recommendations and support of BCF.

Discussions with the B&NES Parks Manager has resulted in an offer that Parks will act as facilitator to either of the approved contractors of the Council, the cost of this is within the allocated budget.

Councillor Appleyard to move:

1. Trustees accept the award of £43,200 from the Bath City Forum Community Infrastructure fund for additional paths within Alice Park (as indicated on the attached map).
2. Trustees appoint B&NES Parks to oversee the project whilst liaising with the Chair and one other trustee (Cllr Rob Appleyard).
3. Trustees ask that communication is made with the skate park working group and design team to ensure collaboration around the path requirements and additional park entry is accommodated within that area.