

Notes of a meeting of Ettington Parish Council Youth Group held Tuesday October 25th by Zoom.

Attending: Cllr Rick Smith, Gavin Lambert, Rosemary Whitfield.

Clerk: Jane Carter

- A report from the youth project consultant Magenta had been circulated.
- The number of respondents was disappointing- less than 40- but 13–16-year-olds were well represented.
- The key areas identified as important to children in Ettington were socialising with friends; creation of an indoor youth group; organised group activities; improved outdoor gym facilities
- It was agreed that the cost of a Skate Park could not be justified on the feedback from the consultation
- A bike route was not thought to be feasible as there was not enough space in the playing fields
- The interest in 5 aside football had been addressed with the improvement to the MUGA. Could this be better utilised with organised football activity?
- Organised activities would require volunteers or the employment of a Youth Leader. Grant monies may be available.
- £105K of council funding had been set aside for the project. Could this be increased?
- It was agreed the following recommendations would be taken to a meeting of the full council for discussion:-
 1. Scoping and costing of an outdoor gym facility to be used by children (age limit to be defined) and adults
 2. Provision of accessible toilets
 3. Provision of a drinking fountain
 4. Scoping and cost for outdoor seating areas including 'nest' seating
 5. Scoping and costs of adding a climbing frame, monkey bars and zip wire
 6. Proposal to create an indoor space within the community centre (second floor) for youth activities all year round
 7. Investigate the funding for a youth worker to run organised activities
 8. Consideration of increasing funding from reserves