Springdale Park – Development Update

All members of the Town Council have said in recent months how important it is to us to upgrade the facilities at Springdale Park. We are committed to exploring every opportunity to make this happen and to create a play space that serves our community for years to come.

There are four main potential sources of funding for a project of this scale:

BCP Council – Plan for Play
BCP Council's *Plan for Play* programme is looking at play facilities across the BCP area. Phase 2 of the programme includes an allocation for Broadstone. However, at this stage, Phase 2 remains unfunded and, given the current financial position of BCP Council, there is no certainty that it will progress.

Grants
There are a number of potential grant funding opportunities available for projects such as this. We will be exploring every suitable opportunity and submitting applications wherever we can, with the aim of maximising the amount of external funding available to support the development.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)
Although Broadstone does not generate significant amounts of CIL, there are funds remaining following the closure of the Broadstone Neighbourhood Forum. We are currently working with BCP Council to allocate these funds to a number of local projects, and it is likely that most, if not all, of Broadstone's available CIL funding will be allocated to the improvements at Springdale Park.

Town Council precept
When the precept for the Town Council was proposed, an allowance was included to go towards the Springdale Park project. This funding is therefore already available to us. As a project of this size is unlikely to be completed within a single financial year, future precept funding could also contribute to the overall cost.

Our overall aim is to **protect and enhance Springdale Park as an important community asset**, creating an attractive, inclusive and exciting space where children and young people, from the very youngest through to teenagers, can play, socialise and enjoy the park for many years to come.

There is still work to do, particularly around securing the necessary funding, but we are committed to progressing the project and will continue to keep residents updated as it develops.