

# OUR CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

The play equipment in the Hurst Green recreation field was installed around twenty years ago. Sadly, in recent years the annual safety inspections have identified a growing number of increasingly serious defects, and this has led to the removal of some pieces already. Much of the play equipment is now at a point where it has reached the end of its useful life and will need to be replaced.

Last year the children at the Hurst Green Primary School produced a number of superb designs for a 'new' playground, which we are using as a basis to specify new equipment. This will also provide greater disabled access and inclusivity for all children.

It is the responsibility of the Parish Council to purchase and maintain playground equipment, however Councillors have secured an offer of a match funded grant from Rother District Council to assist with the renewal of the playground.

The Council, however, needs to raise a further £70,000 to undertake the project based on initial inquiries with suppliers. The Council has explored, unsuccessfully, options for raising this amount and now the last resort is to obtain a loan from the Government through the Secretary of State for Leveling Up, Housing and Communities.

In the coming years the Council is expecting additional funds from housing developers in the form of a mandatory, Community Infrastructure Levy, and this has notionally been earmarked to financing the park's replacement, however this is not guaranteed and the children's park is deteriorating now.

To apply for the loan the Council has to demonstrate that the residents of Hurst Green support the expenditure and the increase in the Hurst Green Parish Council precept component of the council tax which is shown over the page, approximately £0.90 per council tax monthly instalment.

If you would please complete the form over the page and return it to the green post box by the door of the Village Hall by the 15th July 2022.

Thank you, Hurst Green Parish Council

# POSSIBLE REPLACEMENT OF PLAY EQUIPMENT IN THE CHILDREN'S PARK

## REPLACEMENT OF PLAY EQUIPMENT

Are you in FAVOUR of the Parish Council going ahead with the REPLACEMENT OF PLAY EQUIPMENT IN LODGE FIELD if it includes a council tax precept increase of 11% (equivalent to £8.96 a year) for the purpose of the loan repayments?

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Yes

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No

Name:

Address:

Signature:

Date:

Please send this survey questionnaire to the Parish Council office at the address below by the 15th July 2022. Alternatively, please post directly in the Green post box on the wall of the Village Hall.

Please note: survey forms received after the 15th July will be disregarded.

Hurst Green Parish Council Office, Village Hall, Station Road,  
Hurst Green, TN19 7PL