

STILTON PARISH COUNCIL
GREEN SPACES STRATEGY

(adopted 28 April 2020)

The Parish Council:

Recognizing Stilton has few green spaces and only a small number are owned by the Parish Council;

Observing that there are currently limited recreational uses made of the green spaces in the village;

Identifying the following as green space "key targets" for its strategy: an under-12s playground; an over-12s playground/fitness trail; a community garden/orchard; football pitches; allotments; family recreation areas.

Mindful that not all green spaces in the village are suitable for each of the key targets and that decisions will need to be taken on the best sites for each;

Acknowledging that some villagers will object wherever a key target is sited but understanding that benefits for the great majority should take priority wherever possible;

Noting that the village playing field already accommodates a senior football pitch and football pitches for colts and juniors, together with an area reserved for an all-weather surface; these satisfy current needs and those for the immediate future;

Appreciating the efforts made by villagers to raise funds for an under-12s playground and the generous donations made by individuals to the playground fund, especially those given in memory of Olive Main;

Resolves to:

- a) Make the best possible use of the available green spaces in Stilton for the benefit of residents;
- b) Consider the under-12s playground as the first priority target in its strategy;
- c) Evaluate the siting of its various key targets following the assessments made by the Sub-committee for Children's and Youth's Amenities;
- d) Approach District and County Councils where necessary to attempt to acquire use of land owned by them where such land might help accommodate key targets;
- e) Seek opportunities with current village development projects to acquire land and/or resources to achieve key targets.