

Notes of the Health & Wellbeing Project Meeting: Monday 9th October 2023 at 7:30pm.

Attended by: Julie Phipps, Alan Hockin, Sheridan Rosser, Denise May, Alan Colwill, Christine Myers & Dave Rivett.

Apologies from: Jonathan Hobbs, Jane Pollock, Richard Inight, Becky Aston & Jaik Payne.

1 – Where we are:

We've completed the fitness equipment installation and we've gained a new tractor feature toy along the way; this was with help from Morwenstow Football Club and with grant funding from East Youlstone Wind Turbine Fund and East Langford Solar Farm Fund.

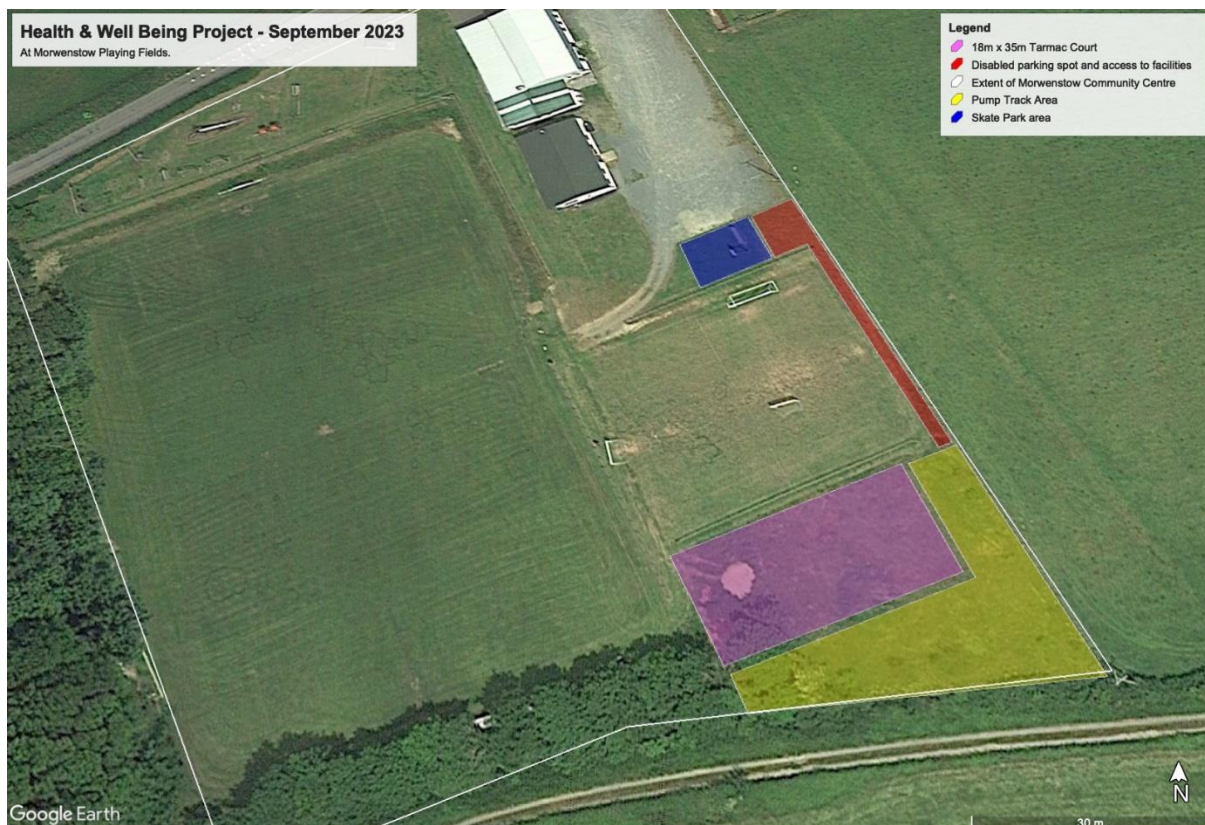
Planning had to be withdrawn for the MUGA & pump track; because of the major objection from Sport England over the surfacing of the pitch. There is not room to have the proposed pitch elsewhere while keeping the existing grass pitch, which is the only way that the objection would be removed.

2 – The latest plan:

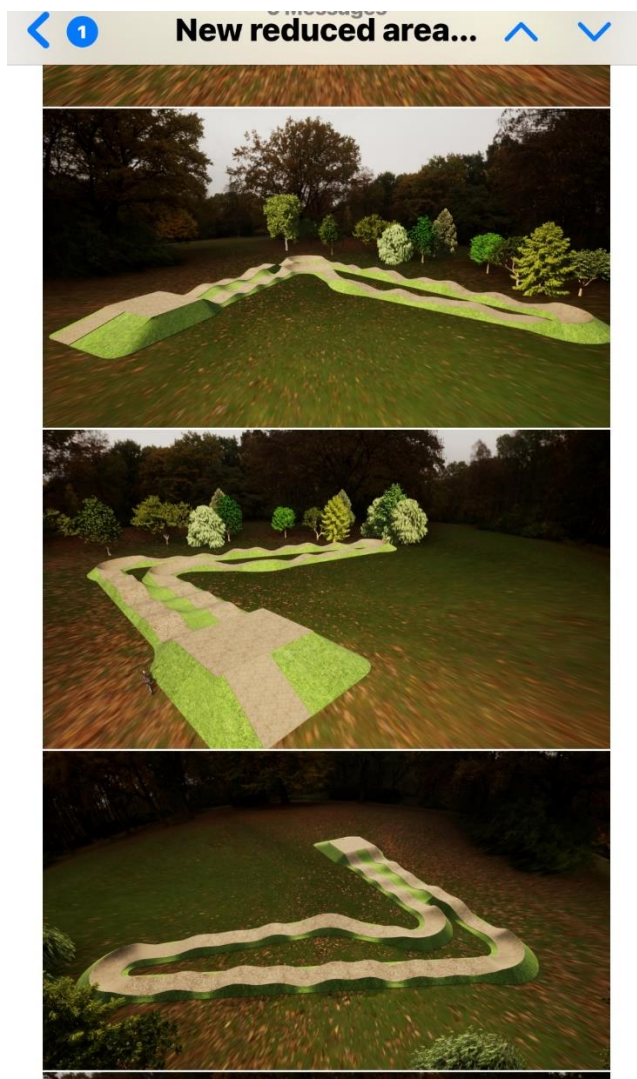
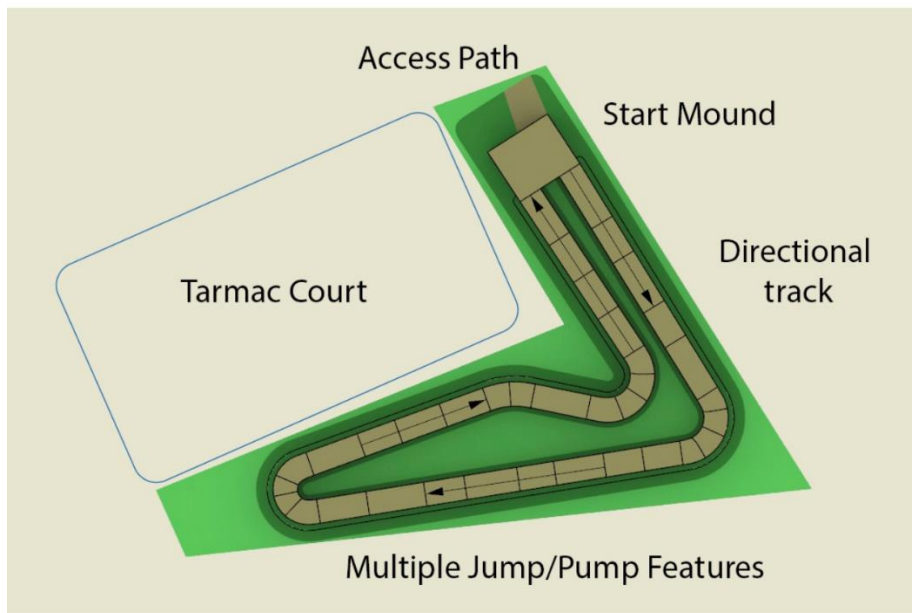
New ways around this have been sought, this includes a smaller court that would be suitable for tennis, badminton, basketball and netball. This would be a different surface for the bounce required – i.e. tarmac.

This needs to fit into the originally proposed area below the training pitch so the pump track has had to shrink considerably.

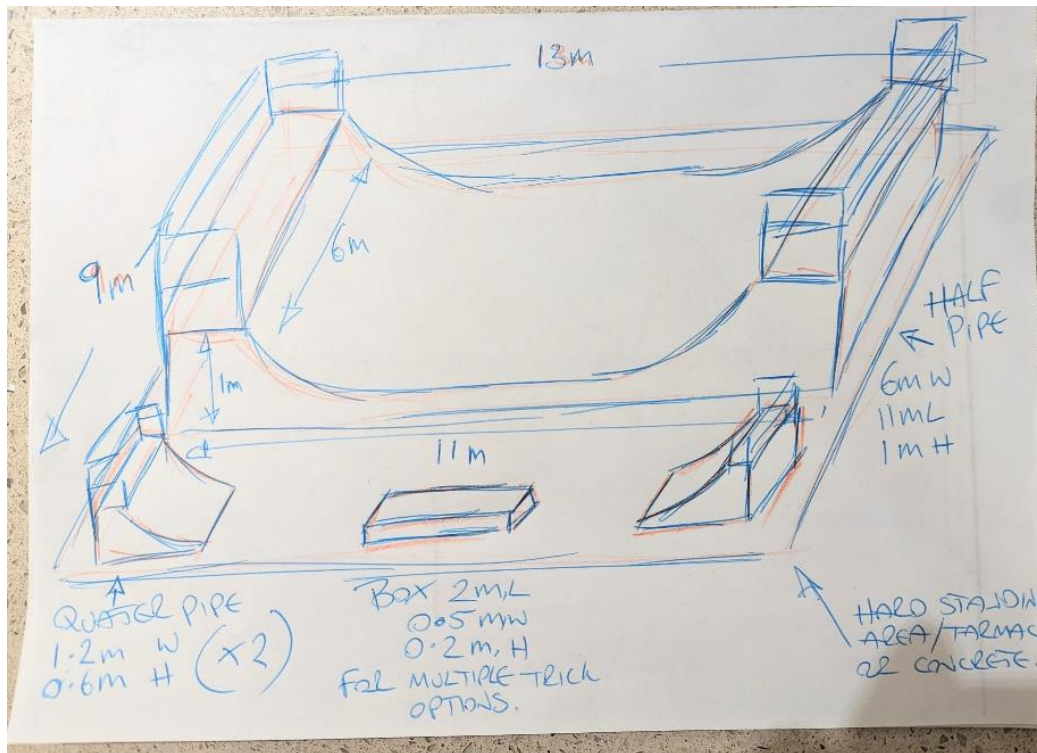
The suggestion was made then to split the wheeled elements apart from each other and relocate the skate/boarding part to the higher side of the training pitch. This would require relocation of the climbing wall. As per the plan below.



Initial proposal for the reduced size pump track area:



We have had a suggested proposal for the skating area. Below is a drawing of which we can work towards as an initial idea.



Those present agreed to go forward on this basis.

To save cost and re-direct some of the original plan cost to the skating element it was thought that if the surface reverted back to a stone surface to just be suitable for bikes as originally planned. That could then go towards the cost of ramps etc. There is also the option to have a maintenance contract with the installer to ensure the good surface continuation.

An initial costing for the pump track would be £18,685 + Vat (reclaimable).

The previous cost for a larger and tarmac surface was £43,185 + Vat (£24,500 difference).

The ramp costs alone that were previously sought for a skate ramp were ranging between £24,715 & £39,035. The large ramp shown in the sketch would be the top end of that – plus the other pieces. Obviously, costs would be sought at national tender level; while following the procurement process, as it is required for that level of expenditure.

3 – Thoughts:

An open floor was held for questions. Those raised were:

Will the skate park area be fully concreted beneath the ramps etc, yes was the answer. This was a forward-thinking question of what would be left if the facility became obsolete in the future and was removed.

Would lights still be included in the proposal? Not at this point in time, perhaps at a later date.

Would there be any fencing along the access path? Uncertain at this point – it needs to be explored further. Suggestion that it may need to be 3 metres high.

4 – Time frame:

These ideas were presented to the Parish Council at the last monthly for approval - this was accepted by the Councillors. A question was asked of the surfacing of the court – which can be explored.

The next step was this public meeting. All were happy to proceed on this basis. The planning application will be prepared for re-submission.

Wednesday 18th October – monthly parish council meeting – decisions to be ratified.

Thursday 19th October – planning application to be submitted.

January 2024 – decision would expect to have been issued.

Monday 8th January 2024 – steering group meeting to ascertain funding bids. There would still be time to apply to the year 2 Community Levelling Up funding.

5 – Any other comments.

The steering group will meet as and when necessary. There isn't a need at the moment for another public meeting but we may organise small meetings with the interested groups for skating etc who could not attend this meeting.

Julie thanked all who attended for coming along and closed the meeting at 7:51pm.