

Item 8

Dog Ban in the Village Park

Background

Over the past weeks the Council has received emails from 5 residents requesting that the ban on dogs in the Village Park be reconsidered. As this item was considered at the council meeting in November 2023, 6 months needed to elapse before it could be considered again.

The village park is one of four pieces of land owned by the Parish Council and has received funding from HS2 through Groundwork for £75,000 to undertake a number of works. The other pieces of land owned by the parish council and available for public recreation are Old Manor Close, Village Green and New Mill Lane public open spaces, all of which have general waste or dog waste bins.

The village park is the only area on which there is a dog ban and is the only one on which there is play equipment for children, football area / basketball courts and BMX track.

As part of the application for the grant funding, a public consultation took place to ask local residents what they would like to see in the park. From the returns received, 28 residents from the parish requested that dog walking was allowed in the park area.

Contact has been made with Environmental Health concerning a consultation on the review of their Public Space Protection Order. LDC advises that in error, Drayton Bassett Parish Council was not consulted on this and they have advised that the consultation will close late June 2024. A meeting took place with Environmental Health at LDC in May 2024 and the options and legal situation around the district wide PSPO was discussed along with the implications of the current dog ban in a childrens play area.

For Consideration

- 1) Councillors asked to consider the Lichfield District Council Public Space Protection Order which is being reviewed at the LDC meeting in June 2024.
- 2) Councillors are asked to reconsider the ban of dogs in the village park.