



**Warning - Whilst work is being carried out on this project. Parents and children are advised not to go to the site until it has been completed.**

Fenland District Council Open Spaces & Parks to advise of the temporary closure of the existing play-area and commencement of works by contractors.



**WTC & FDC Cllr Dee Laws the lead Councillor for Stonald Ward...informs of the following.**

**Snowley Park play-area** - The plan was to revamp and install new play equipment using David Wilson Homes Development assigned S106 contribution of £75,000 looking to be opened earlier this year.

Fenland Officers tried to keep the project within the proposed time scale but due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic the tender process and supply of equipment was out of their hands. FDC 'Team' applied and managed to secured further funding bringing the total investment for Snowley Park/Glenfields Play-Area to £120,000

Work has been completed to retain establish trees & hedges as they needed serious pruning and we wanted to keep a 'green' natural boundary.

Included in the project is bench seating, dog, and litter waste bins. The design incorporates a safe walkway through the estates of Glenfields and Glenfields North ensuring children can safely make their way to Snowley Park play-area/open space avoiding Stonald Road.

When completed the children will be able to enjoy 11 x new pieces of play equipment and a Junior Goal area requested by several residents.

Over the last 12 months I have received several calls from parents/carers and kept the community up to date with progress as the children cannot wait for a new play-area.

I feel confident this purpose built play-area and designed open space will be a well-used by many families.

We have received an update from FDC Parks & Open Spaces for Whittlesey Town Members. Tenders were evaluated, contractor (HAGS) appointed, and mobilisation period is now nearing an end. Funding is part Section 106, part FCC Communities Foundation.

A letter (hand delivered) to the houses in the immediate vicinity informing them of progress. This will be delivered first thing next week by a specialist team of door-step mail deliverers (myself and Kevin). Subject to a satisfactory pre-meeting next Wednesday HAGS hope to be on site during w/c 19<sup>th</sup> October. Work will take between 4-6 weeks.

We will be closing the existing area and removing equipment and fencing immediately beforehand. Preparatory tree work has already been completed.

The total contract value is **around £120k** – this buys a lot of equipment and the new play area (currently a double swing, a slide and two spinners) will be markedly different to its predecessor.

Kind regards,

**Councillor Mrs Dee Laws**

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