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PLAY AREA IMPROVEMENTS SPECIAL.... Back in December 2017 we published a Newsletter (edition 2) in which we invited local people to have your say on options / proposals to improve play facilities for young people. We would like to say a huge Thank You to those of you that took the time and trouble to let us know your views. Those views / comments have helped to shape proposals set out in this latest Newsletter (edition 4).

What is now proposed? The Parish Council, working in partnership with Telford & Wrekin Council (T&WC), proposes to build a new full sized Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) adjacent to the existing half-sized facility on the wettest part of Wallshead Way Playing Field - please see the schematic layout on page 2 of this newsletter. This new facility has been designed to the latest design standards in order to maximise user safety and to minimise impact on neighbours. Whilst the facility can host a diverse range of sports and related activities it will not have lighting and so may only be used in daylight hours. There is sufficient funding to further improve drainage on the younger children's play area where rainwater still collects around the base of a slide. The existing half-sized facility will remain as it is for now but with an option to introduce out-door exercise equipment when funds are available in the future.

Where has the funding come from? The funding has largely come from planning contributions made by housing developers responsible for the larger scale housing developments in and adjacent to Church Aston village. Yes, we know that many of you opposed these developments, as did Church Aston PC, but the local planning authority (T&WC) saw fit to approve them. Developer contributions for play facilities in Church Aston amount to approximately £50,000. This money can only be spent on play facilities, and if left unspent it must be returned to the developer(s).

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What next? In the coming days those nearest to the proposed games area should receive information from T&WC Planners inviting views / comments on the planning application. Church Aston PC is encouraging everyone with an interest to have your say via us (CAPC) at <a href="mailto:churchaston@gmail.com">churchaston@gmail.com</a> or T&WC Planners at <a href="mailto:planning.control@telford.gov.uk">planning.control@telford.gov.uk</a> More information about this scheme can be found on the Community Noticeboard at <a href="http://www.churchaston-pc.gov.uk">http://www.churchaston-pc.gov.uk</a>



