

Hesket Parish Council

Armathwaite Play Area Consultation



Background

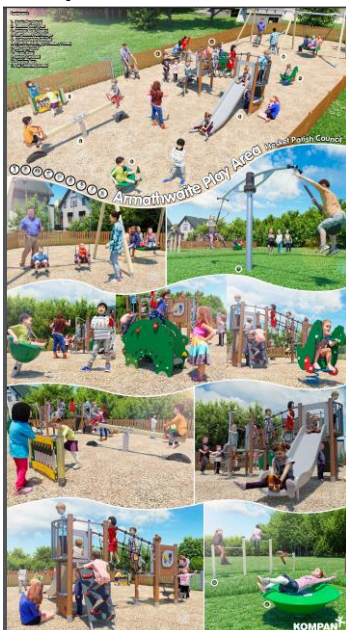
Armathwaite Play Area is a 1.3 acre site gifted to the Parish Council by Border Engineering Contractor Ltd in 1981 for use as a playground.

Consultation

Following a survey conducted by Hesket Parish Council in April and May 2019, four play equipment suppliers were consulted and asked to provide quotes for replacement of play equipment. A drop-in session was held on October 12th 2019 at Armathwaite Old School Hall, advertised on the Council's website and Facebook page, through the local Parish News, on village noticeboards and at the Village Shop. The proposed designs were put on display, Councillors were available to answer questions and feedback forms were provided.

The four proposals were as follows:

Kompan



Playdale



Sovereign



Wicksteeds



Feedback

The session was well attended, with a total of thirty-four residents throughout the morning. These were predominantly parents and children, but also included other residents who were interested in the proposals. Overall, the designs were received positively, with a clear preference demonstrated for the designs from Kompan and Playdale. Favoured items included the Kompan Saturn Carousel, the asymmetric bars and the Playdale central tower/climbing frame. Many parents emphasised the need for the play area to be continue to be challenging to the children as they grow older. It was also felt that musical panels are generally underused and that the play area should provide variety in comparison to the facilities available at the school, during the school day.

Actions

Following the session, it was agreed to shortlist the designs from Kompan and Playdale. Both companies were approached to modify their designs to reflect the feedback received.