

MAULDEN PARISH COUNCIL

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COMMITTEE: FULL COUNCIL

DATE: September 2026

REPORT BY: Councillor Russell Aston

SUBJECT: Recreation Ground Project

This continues to be progressed by Tracey, Pat, Peter and Russ. We last met on 20th August.

Pavilion

Option - Full refurbishment. Cost being refined as drawings progress but approx cost still expected to be c£120k

Structural survey – Complete. Building is structurally sound.

Architect – Design received and refined. Objective remains a multi purpose structure for sports events use, cafe use and also as office space. Main refinements around toilet use (to be accessible from inside and one also from the outside when there is a booked use of the playing area), and kitchen. Ongoing liaison continues to progress the next steps.

Fundraising – No update

Help – Ideas around involving local business/people eg MIDA being considered.

Existing money £15676.22

£14984.00

£ 7553.75

£ 7472.75 (Pig field)

£14945.50 (Pig field)

Total £60632.22

Money following Hillson's development £11820. That may be some time but would make a total of £72452.22

Play Equipment

We've visited sites (Saffron Walden, Harrold, Barton, Poppy Drive, Ampthill Park, Ampthill Heights, Wrest Park and Meppersall); and considered equipment from Sovereign, Reids, Fawns, Proludic, Online Playgrounds, HAGS and Buglo. We are minded to HAGS and Buglo equipment as it looks a little more innovative, however Proludic our usual supplier are good value and get good reviews. To double check we'll visit a couple of HAGS sites to refine our choices. The prices are all within a relatively similar range as expected.

- Zip Line - Buglo as seen at Poppy Drive. It is at the expensive end.
- Roundabout/Carousel - We liked the HAGS equipment seen at Meppenshall.
- Trampoline –Not seen but would go HAGS to fit in with other purchases.
- Sensory - Not seen but would go HAGS to fit in with other purchases
- Goal End – To be located where the basket ball hoop is. HAGS have a good one that we liked when we saw it at Ampthill Heights.

NB - There is £65590.90 available now - c£44k from the Hillson's development is for CBC's Gardeners Close site.

Summary of prices for information

Sovereign	Reids	Fawns	Proludic	Online Playgrounds	HAGS	Buglo
zip wire – £18820	25m Cableway £21095	£9922	zip line -.J512A £11536.40	25m £13,375.00	Mantis Zipwire £12,961 30m £13,777	22m £17121.00
Trampoline 3m x 2.25m £18800	2m £10740 Rectangle £21350.00	2m - £10969	1.5m x 1.5m £7443.40	2m x 2m £8,922.00	1.5m Square £5,344	Circular £7470.00
Roundabout 2.2m x 2.2m £16770 Rotat leaf £5500	Inclusive Roundabout - £8910	£11156	J2409A Inclusive Roundabout £9989.40	£15,560.00	Roundabout Orbit £8,288 Roty Inclusive Roundabout £3,675	Dutch disc type carousel £22534.00 carousel (handrails) £4594.00
Sensory - c£1500			Large Communication Panel £1,387	3 tuned bells £510.00 Bongo Tree £490.00 Rain Wheel £440.00 Drum £670.00 Play Panel £1,750	Tile Slide Frog Panel £560	
Goal and hoop £4273.07	Goal End - £6240.00	£8187	Goal end with 3m high panels £8,544.80	Goal End 3m high x 9m wide £8,990.00	Indiana (7m Goal Section) £8,656.61	

Trilley Fields – On hold until we've progressed the Rec but thinking a tractor themed childrens activity frame.