

	Winchcombe Skate Park
When Awarded	15/12/2015 (4 years 1 months)
Original Grant Award	£70,000
Balance 13/09/19	£70,000
Background	£70,000 grant awarded in 2015 for the construction of a Skate / BMX Park in Winchcombe. The total project costs were initially expected to be £192,510, so the grant award represents 36% of this cost.
Where are we now	<p>There were delays in determining the planning application (granted in August 2018) and there were 13 planning conditions that need to be discharged before construction can be started.</p> <p>There has been a change in design on the drainage within the scheme, which has been resubmitted to the Council. The Council is currently reviewing the new designs to establish whether they meet the planning requirements and conditions set out in the original decision. If the decision is that they are not compliant the Parish Council would need to undertake further design work to ensure that the scheme is compliant.</p> <p>Before construction can begin Western Power are required to relay the overhead electrical cable and pole mounted switching gear underground and into new cabinets respectively. Severn Trent Water are also looking to redirect the power cables on the land, as part of an anticipated upgrade of Winchcombe Sewage Treatment Works. Talks are underway with this request.</p>
Constraints placed on scheme at November 2018 Executive meeting	<p>12-month extension to grant agreement to allow completion of works.</p> <p>- Discharge of planning constraints has taken longer than anticipated, delaying the start of the project</p>
<p>Update from Clerk of Winchcombe Parish Council</p> <p>14th October 2019</p>	<p>I can confirm that we have planning permission subject to 13 conditions. All of those conditions have been discharged bar these listed below: Condition 5 – Contamination investigation – a ground investigation is needed Conditions 4,6,& 7 – the drainage and Suds scheme has been submitted but is awaiting a decision by Tewkesbury Borough Planning Department this was submitted on 6th August 2019.</p> <p>The total project cost is estimated to be £990,000. The Town Council has appointed Fenella Bellinger of Bellinger Design to prepare the detailed technical specifications and drawings and we have appointed a Project Manager (Rhodri Dean) to take the tendering process forward once the detailed technical drawings and specifications are ready. We understand that these should be ready by December 2019.</p> <p>The Town Council will be applying for a Public Works Loan Board loan of up to £500,000 approved by Winchcombe Town Council at the 3 July 2019 meeting and as announced in the August edition of Winchcombe Matters. This will not impact on the precept. In the meantime the Council continues to look for funding opportunities with the help of Active Gloucestershire and other sources. It is hoped that the full £500,000 may not need to be drawn down.</p> <p>Given that the Council has now commissioned the Technical drawings and they are completed by December, the Project Manager can then commence the tendering process. It is therefore hoped that work could start early spring 2020 and the project complete by Summer 2020. Unfortunately the reserved matters i.e. the 13 conditions placed upon the Town Council and the preparation of the reports has introduced a delay in the project timescales which could not be anticipated.</p> <p>Specifically in relation to the project for the skate park we know that there will be an increase in the cost of materials due to the quotes being from a few years ago so the budget of £192,510 will have to be increased slightly. This figure will be unknown until there is a firm date to start and a purchase order has been made.</p>