

# Dittisham Parish Council

## Consultation Report on the usage of the Ham Area



29<sup>th</sup> October 2017

## **Introduction**

The play equipment on the Ham has reached an age where it needs to be replaced to ensure the safety and enjoyment of those who use it.

To ensure that any replacement equipment meets the needs of the users it was decided that a consultation would take place. This opportunity was also used to establish how the Ham area is currently used and what future uses are required.

The purpose of the consultation was to engage with the various stakeholders of the ham to identify the following:

- How the Ham area is currently used by parishioners and visitors to the parish
- What is wanted for the future enjoyment of the Ham area

The initial consultation was an open event in the village hall to establish the views of those within and outside the parish who use the Ham area.

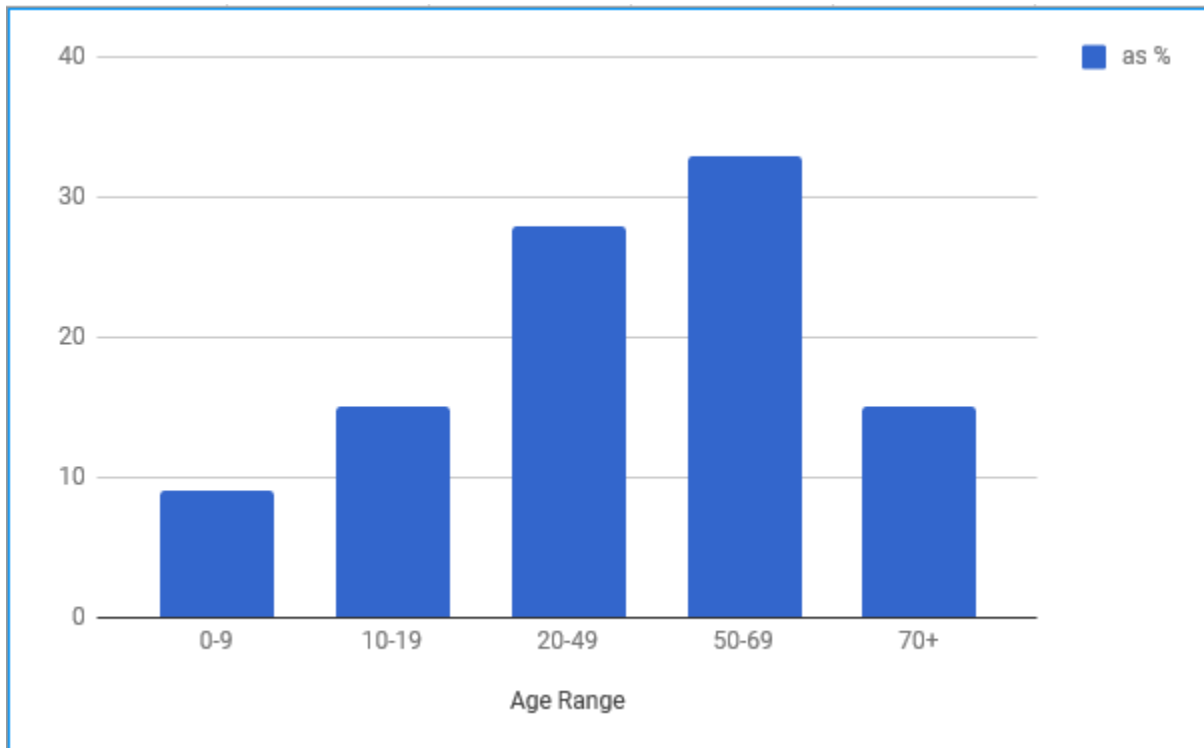
This consultation is the second stage of consultation aimed at reaching out further and to ask more specific questions.

A questionnaire was created and circulated via the following methods:

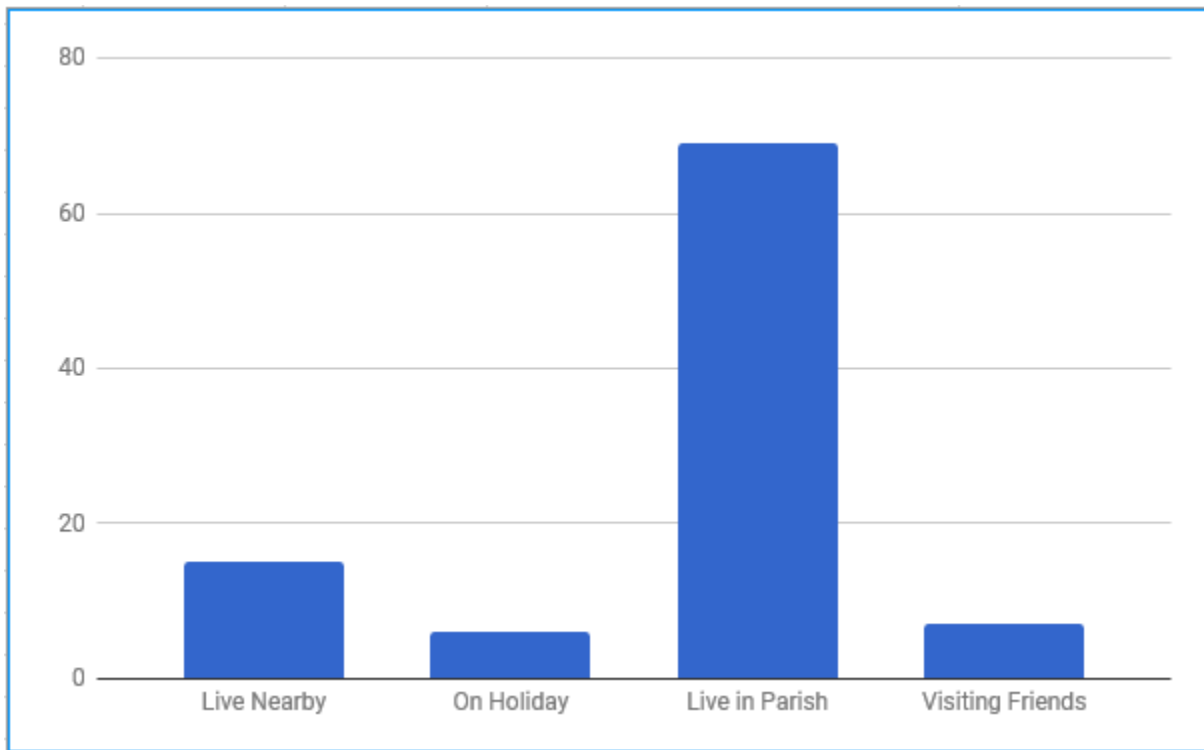
- Emailed to those on the Parish Council email circulation list
- Promoted through the Parish Council Facebook site
- Distributed to the businesses that operate from the Village
- Delivered to the villages and Hamlets that exist within the Parish

**Number of responses = 94**

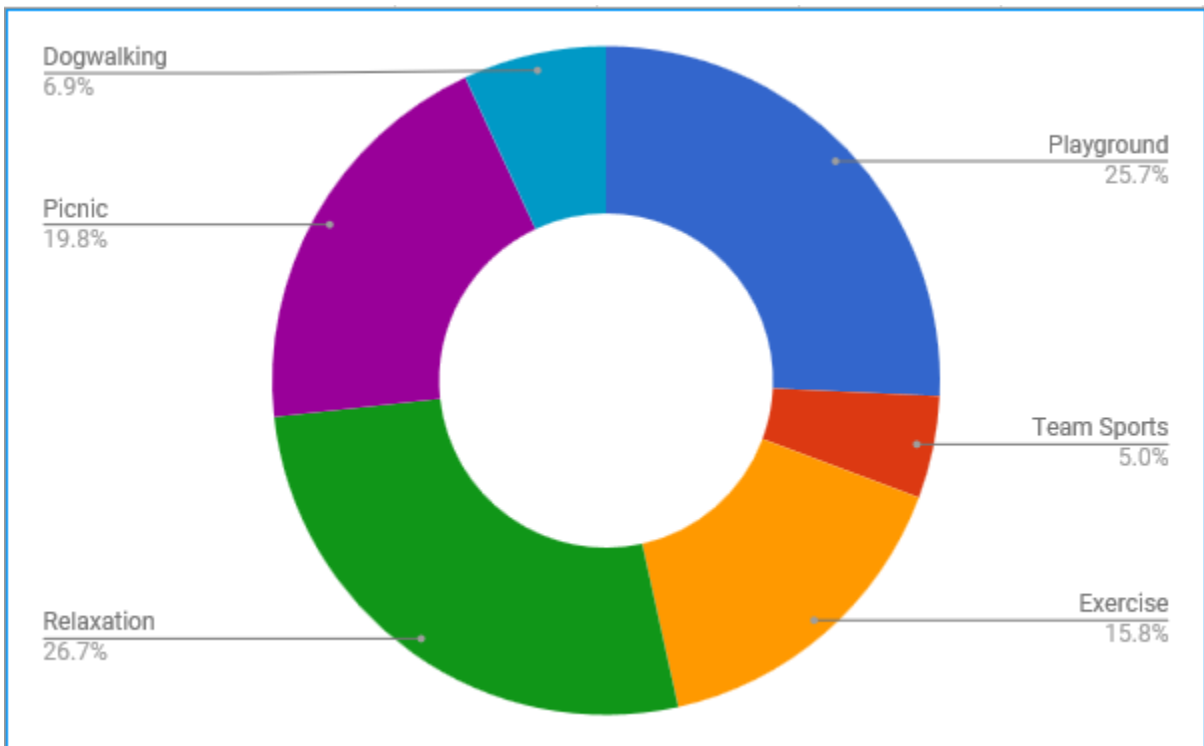
## Age Group of Users



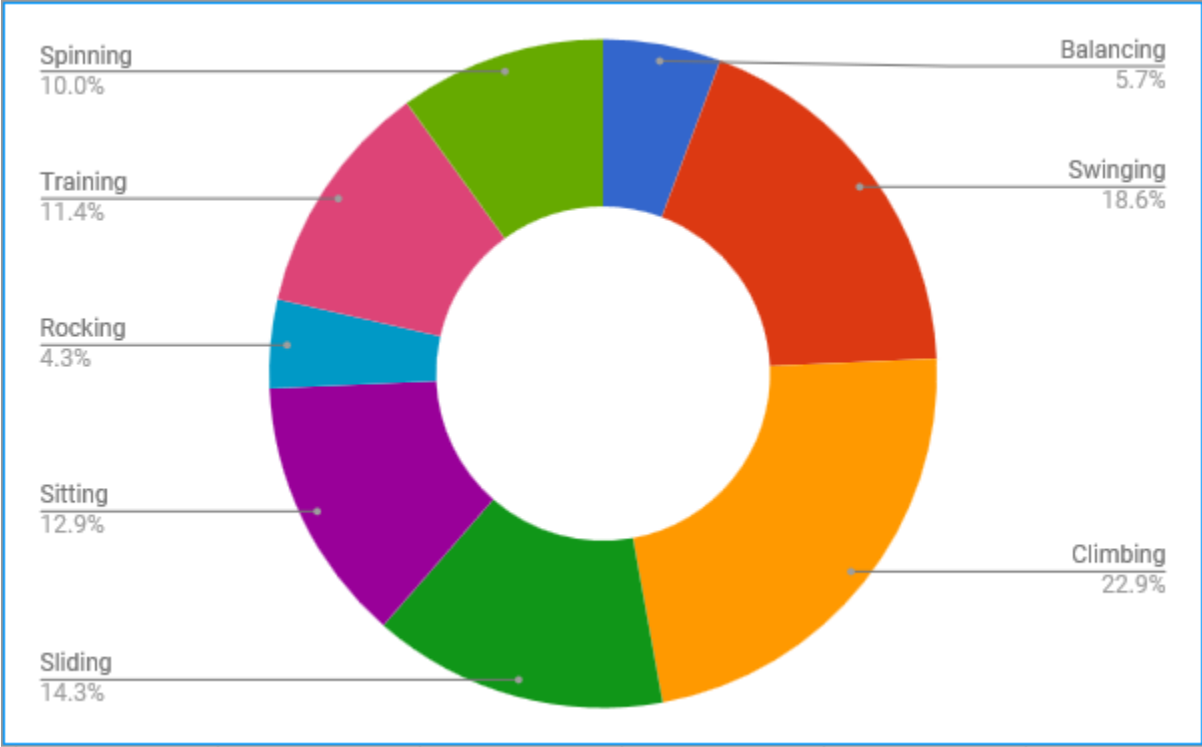
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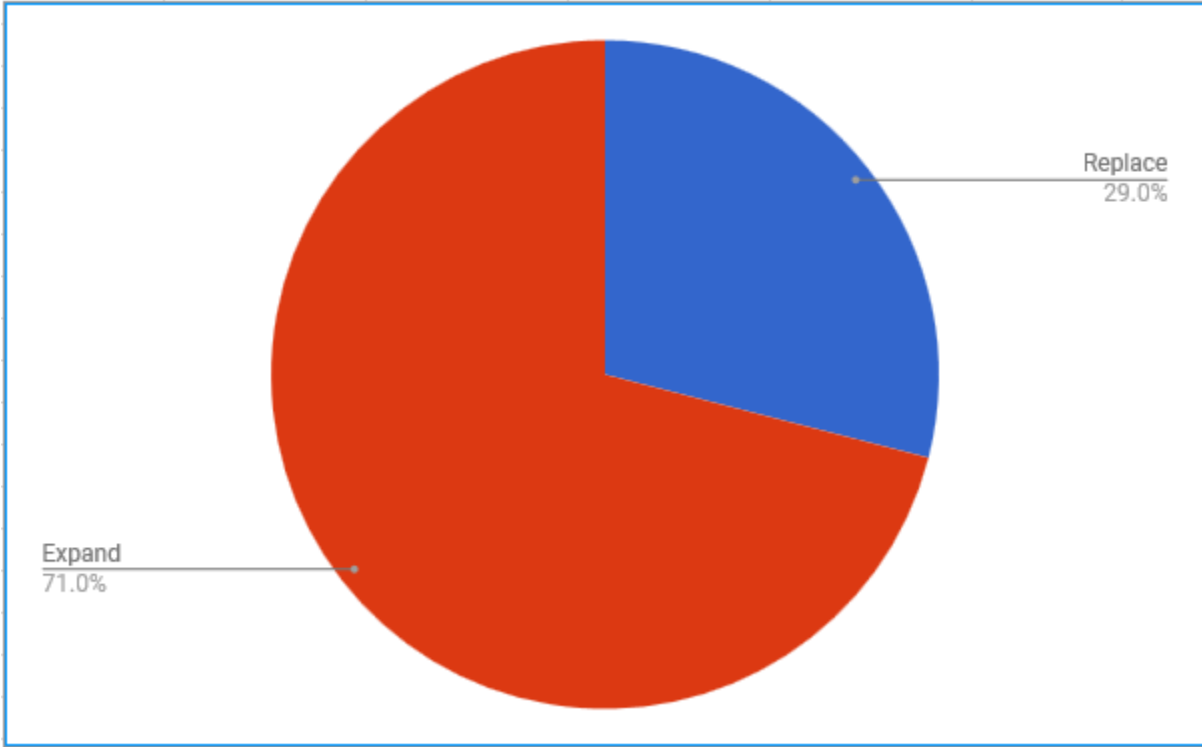
### Usage of the Ham



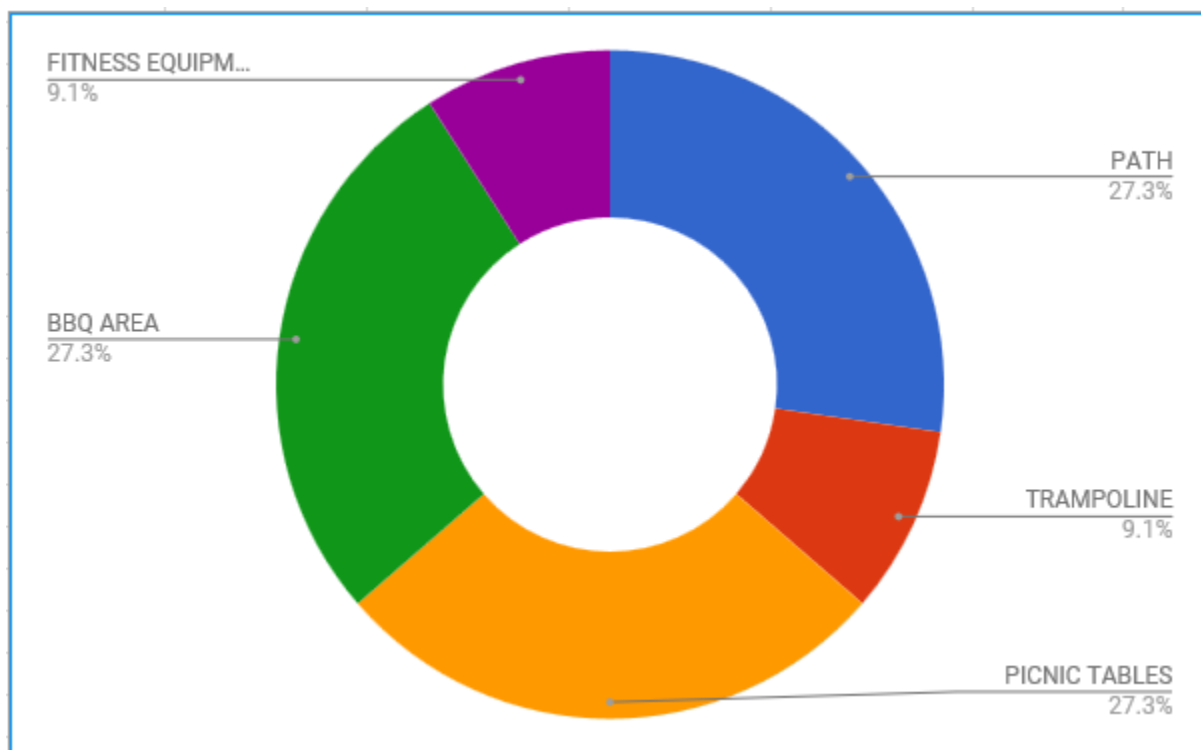
### Favourite Play Activities



**Replace or Expand Facilities**



**Suggested Improvements**



### Additional Comments

Boules Pit	No Fire Pit. Path behind benches for easy access	Likes that it brings children and young people to the village	Can the slide be taller
Add a climbing wall and some skate ramps	Kids miss the balance beam, they love the Ham and shoreline	Table to sit at – Could it be under cover?	Climbing and taller slide to challenge older children. Tarmac path behind benches for accessibility

Would like something with sound, natural materials such as wood, rope, sand please – In keeping & inexpensive	Like the open space, does not want exercise equipment or expansion. Would like more trees	BBQ place please	Enjoys the scenery – Zip Wire
Bring back Ditzum play area	Sheltered picnic, BBQ area, drinking fountain, fitness equipment	Picnic tables, Outdoor gym equipment, BBQ area	Path behind benches for wheelchair and pushchair access
In floor trampoline, climbing frame	Picnic benches, BBQ slabs near waterside edge, in floor trampoline, diverse range of equipment for kids	More dog litter bins	Trampoline, monkey bars, climbing frame, climbing wall, roundabout
Does not want adult training equipment	Football goals please	Picnic tables, BBQ Stone area	Likes the simplicity, perhaps some simple exercise equipment sit up and step up
Pirate ship, footpath behind benches	Does not support adult gym	BBQ area, training equipment	Posts with nets
Path circling the ham for wheelchairs and pushchairs	Zipwire and climbing frame	Liked that a wedding was held on the Ham	Wetland areas worked on and enhanced, perhaps with planting of wetland plants

Path down two sides for wheelchairs and pushchairs please take down the big willow. No more trees	Fix the footpath, goal posts with net, concrete table, tennis table, (away from BBQ area) climbing frame	Improve the drainage, post with net, path all the way around	Access paths improved, including at north end to make marsh adj stream accessible, inc fitness equip help counteract bad health, improve the design as a community space
Use it or lose it	Exciting new equipment for the children to enjoy	More swings please	More places for the old to sit
Could just directly replace what was there	Bucket swings would be good, dry paths for walkers	Robust benches, history/nature interpretation boards	Simple equipment, earth hillocks, boulders, tree stumps, slide, shelter
More natural play equip for aesthetic reasons and for better play. Earthworks, greenplay,	Picnic zones	Keep it mainly for children, fire pit and bbq area for adults	Firepit and bbq social area
Take a look at Stoke Fleming park, bbq area or fire pit for communal social use	Fire pit, adult exercise	More seating, bbq slabs, café area for tea and coffee	

NB – Some of the comments have been abridged.