

Agenda item 241e –

To receive an update from the Clerk and Cllr Breadnall regarding action taken to investigate noise issues in the skate park.

- On 25th January 2021, The Clerk and Cllr Beadnall had a social distance meeting at the skate park.
- The skate park was in use. Cllr Beadnall walked up the hill towards Southdown and identified that noise from the jump box was more prominent.
- The Clerk contacted various contractors asking them to quote.
- Cllr Beadnall has been trying to source some donated foam.
- Cllr Beadnall has been communicating with someone who was involved in the original fundraising and until recently used the skate park.
- Cllr Beadnall received the following response: “options wise, fencing can create a slight barrier but that’s not so good for youths as they can use it as an area to hide what they get up to, also you can sound proof inside the ramps, because they are a metal shell it’s a little like a drum, but the best option for sound is concrete as concrete is solid and does not create as much echo, there was some plans submitted for a park by a council up the line that explains this, I was going to suggest that as most of the ramps are starting to rust a few of them even the railings wobble a little, that Millbrook could really benefit hugely from a concrete park it has the space there for one it makes less sound and they do not rust and are easier to repair. I’m happy to work with anyone that would think this is a good idea”.
- On Monday 08th February 2021 the Clerk met on site with the owners of local blacksmiths, Twisted Metal Art.
- Friday 12th February 2021, quotation received from Make-n-mend – *“filling of Park Leisure ramp with supplied foam is in the region of a day's work at £240 + any materials or emergent work.”*
- Sunday 14th February 2021, Twisted Metal Art are planning to open up the ramps (where possible) with a view to providing a quotation to fix the safety issues.