

Millbrook Skatepark Project

Millbrook Parish Council own and maintain Millbrook Skatepark.

The Parish Council recently received an enquiry asking what consultation had taken place regarding proposals for a concrete skatepark and whether current skatepark ramps could be repaired. Unfortunately, the ramps, which are over 14 years old, the Council has been unable to find contractors willing to complete works on them and due to deterioration, living by the coast, the ramps have come to the end of their lifespan. They have received several years of use. The skatepark is very popular with people coming in from other areas to use the facility or meet up with others.

Back in 2008, the Council received funding for the current steel ramps. Two Companies were used, GHB Ramps and Urban Ramps. The installation was in two stages and the total cost of the project was approximately £50,000. Over the years the Council has monitored the skatepark has been used by many people. Young people and families have come across from Devon to use the Ramps. The ramps have been monitored annual RoSPA inspections have taken place, in house monthly / weekly inspections completed, general maintenance completed by the Council's appointed contracts, the ramps have been coated and community artwork projects undertaken on the ramps.

At the end of 2020 / early 2021, the Parish Council received complaints about the noise from Millbrook Skatepark. Having assessed the noise and utilised the services of a sound consultant it was became apparent that the noise disturbance was mainly due to the age of the ramps and that they are hollow. Investigations were carried out to investigate filling the ramps with sound proofing. The sound proofing was not followed up as, in addition to the ramps have become very rusty and in need of repair, having spoken with many of users of the skatepark facility it became increasingly apparent that a concrete skatepark was the preferred option.

This report collates evidence of community involvement and consultation to date.

Millbrook Skatepark Project – Timeline: February 2021 to September 2022

February
2021

- 16/02/2021: The Chairman of Millbrook Skatepark Project group attended the Full Council meeting saying the skatepark has been monumental to the young people of the community and he would like to work with the Council to put forward a few ideas

February
2021

- 26/02/2021: Working with Aaron Barrett, Chairman and founder of the group, the Clerk set up a Facebook group consultation page titled The Friends of Millbrook Skatepark (See pages 14 & 15). The Parish Clerk, Cllr Beadnall, Aaron Barrett (and later other Friends of the Skatepark) continued to administer the page.

March
2021

- 01/03/2021: News posting on Council website with an update on the jumpbox repairs and a statement "To gain an insight into the future vision of the skatepark a community engagement Facebook group page has recently been set up."
- 16/03/2021: During the Full Parish Council meeting an update was provided, and it was minuted that the Facebook group page had been set up.

April
2021

- 20/03/2021: Working in partnership with Torpoint Town Council the Council agreed to fund a skate jam (Team Rubicon event) at a cost of £1,000

July
2021

- 20/07/2021: The Council approved a technical amendment to minute 39 from the Council meeting held on 15th June 2021. MPC agreed to be the accountable body for funds raised for future updating of Millbrook Skatepark. Whilst the Council's decision remains unchanged it should be noted the Council owns and is responsible for the skatepark and the term 'accountable body' was not required.
- 21/07/2021: Posting on Millbrook Parish Council's website promoting Team Rubicon Event for 21st September "Refreshments will be available and there will also be raffle. Funds raised from the raffle will go towards a new concrete skatepark."

July
2021

- 24/07/2021: Members of the Skatepark Project group attended Maker with Rame Community Fun day
- 28/07/2021: Aaron Barrett asked the skatepark group members on feedback regarding a proposed logo for the group. 104 comments received.
- 31/07/2021: JamesMedia offered to produce the logo free of charge.

July
2021

- 26/07/2021: A meeting took place with the Clerk, Parish Councillors, CC Kate Ewert a young skateboarder and a representative from Maverick Industries. The forthcoming meeting was noted in the minutes of the Full Council meeting held in July 2021.
- The Friends of Millbrook Skatepark Facebook page was renamed Millbrook Skatepark Project group.

August
2021

- Fundraising tins left in local businesses and organisations (Millbrook Football Club, Premier Stores, Millbrook Pharmacy, The Rame Centre, Weigh to Go)
- Approx 20 local businesses donated to raffle prizes. This was acknowledged on Facebook, noticeboards and on a display in the Rame Centre window.

September
2021

- 21/09/2021: 'Chair's announcements' - **Skatepark event and fundraising for The Millbrook Skatepark project**: The Chair reported the Team Rubicon event was very well attended. Fundraising a new concrete skatepark, to include raffle prizes and donations from local businesses, totals just over £1,300

September
2021

- 16/09/2021: The Parish Clerk held a Zoom meeting bringing new members of the Millbrook Skatepark Project group together.
- CC Kate Ewert's Community Chest Fund: The Clerk assisted the group members in applying for community chest funding to enable them to sell the group's own branded merchandise. Confirmation of the funding was received on 27/09/2021.

November
2021

- 08/11/2021: In order to reach more members of the community Millbrook Skatepark Project group set up their own Facebook page (rather than a group page) and using instagram. Publicity for purchasing Millbrook Skatepark Project's merchandise launched.
- 16/11/2021: It was agreed in the full Parish Council meeting that funds raised to date would be transferred to the Millbrook Skatepark Project Group's new bank account.

December
2021

- Donations for raffle prizes received from local businesses.
- 03/12/2021: Film night fundraiser at Millbrook Football Club. The Parish Council shared the publicity on its Facebook page and noticeboards. Information about the project was available at the Football Club.
- December 2021: Website launched for sale of merchandise.

May
2022

- 14/05/2022: Representatives from Millbrook Skatepark Project group attended Millbrook Parish Council's community Engagement day. The group members talked to parish councillors, other community groups and parishioners.
- 22/05/2022: Dom Moore opened up his photographic studio at Maker Heights and raised funds for the skatepark.

June
2022

- 24/06/2022: 50 year Storm event at Millbrook Football Club - donations split between Ukraine Medical Appeal fund and Millbrook Skatepark Project.
- 28/06/2022: Members of Millbrook Skatepark Project group attended the Parish Council meeting requesting permission and applying for grant funding to hold a skatejam. This was another opportunity to raise awareness about the project.

July & Aug
2022

- 15/07/2022: Publicity in Millbrook School "Millbrook Matters"
- 23/07/2022: Skatefest held at Millbrook Skatepark
- 19/08/2022: News posting on Millbrook Parish Council's website *"Due to safety reasons plans are being made for the removal of the quarter pipe. If you would like to donate towards a new concrete skatepark or find out more about the Millbrook Skatepark Project's fundraising click on their website <https://www.millbrookskatepark.co.uk/>"*

September
2022

- 05/09/2022: Article in Dason magazine about Skatepark project
- 13/09/2022: Annoucement on Millbrook Skatepark Project Facebook page that a Crowdfunder launch would take place on 28th September.
- 24/09/2022: Millbrook Skatepark Project Group members and volunteer supporters attended Harfest. Publicity for the crowdfunder at Patchwork Studios, Maker Heights, plus consultation for the skatepark proposals and sale of pizzas. Over £700 raised.

At the Parish Council meeting held on 27th September 2022 the Council pledged a 'conditional' pledge of £20,000 towards the skatepark facility

Consultation in Millbrook Village Hall

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Are you in support of the Millbrook Skate park project	Comments
Yes.	Both my grandsons are delighted at the prospect of the new facility.
Yes	Very happy with the design - will certainly add to the park space - the ramps are not only noisy but dangerously hot in hot weather + slippery in the damp.
YES	Fantastic Project - it will be great for the children to have this space to use & creative exercise! Brilliant!
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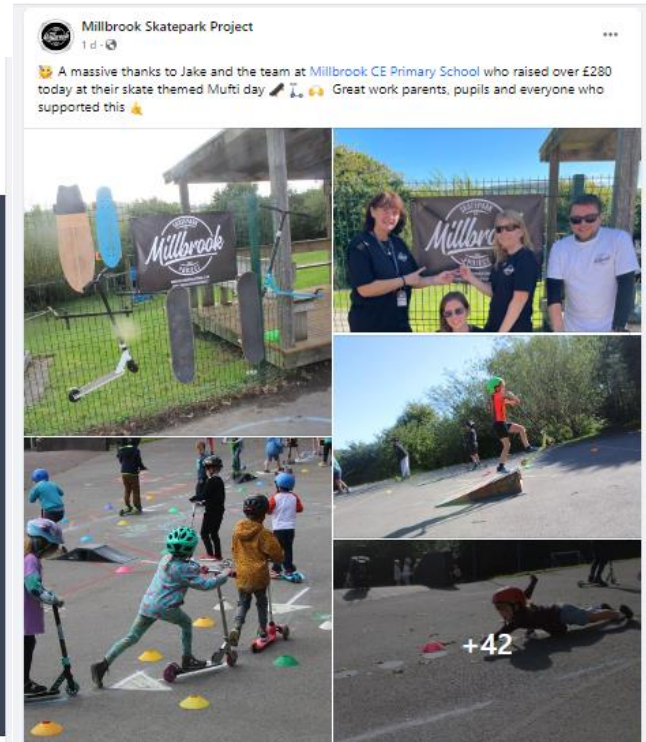
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Yes.	An upgrade is certainly needed.
Yes	upgrade
yes	Very outdated at present.
	Will it serve beginners, too?
yes.	This will be a perfect skate facility for beginners and advanced. Can't wait to see it evolve.
Yes	Brilliant idea.

Millbrook Skatepark Project Crowdfunder

As at 14/10/2022 – 220 supports and 63 comments

- Really looking forward to skating the new park in Millbrook before I am too old to do so. The Rame Peninsula and the surrounding area needs this so many young and old would get great use from it.
- Good luck with the much needed project !
- Skateparks are amazing community spaces for fun, sport and creativity. We are so glad to support this project. Very best of luck. Hope it comes to fruition 🙏
- This is a fantastic project and one that the community can be proud to get behind!
- I remember being part of the team to raise the money for the original skate park a long time ago.... it great to see this being taken to the next level and help the local community. Good luck!
- Massively important project for so many in the community and beyond, with heaps of benefits for all ages. Wishing for all the support needed.
- I grew up in Millbrook and would spend a lot of my time out on my bike creating jumps in the woods and other places locally. Having a fully functional skate park would be awesome for the local children and hopefully bring much needed revenue in locally out of the regular tourist season for local shops/cafes and pubs that remain. When I come home to visit my boys love to scoot around the park and they asked to play football and scoot in Millbrook. Best of luck and well done on efforts to make a change to date.
- This really is a once in a generation chance to provide our young people with an outstanding skatepark and community space to be proud of and to enjoy together - keep pushing!!
- I grew up in Millbrook before there was a skatepark so I know first hand what it means not to have one. And I don't want to see my kid out playing on the streets like I had to! We mustn't underestimate how important it is for kids and adults to be able to access all sports for both their physical and mental health. A new millbrook skate park would be a huge benefit to the community. Come on millbrook. Let's pull together and make it happen!
- This project epitomises community spirit. It's has already brought people together. The skate park will build belief and ambition in our community and leave a legacy future generations. For this to be possible we need support. Keep funding!
- This skatepark has been loved by the community and skateboarders from far and wide. Skateboarding has literally made my life what it is, and a new park would help to share the love of skateboarding with new generations!

Screenshots from the Millbrook Skateproject Group's Facebook page – September 2022



Millbrook Skatepark Project Group – Events and community engagement



Millbrook Skatepark Project is at Millbrook Village Hall. ...

13 May · Plymouth · 🌐

🗣️, #MillbrookCrew 🙌 "Assemble..." Oh... you've been right here the whole time?! 😊 Anyways; tomorrow (from 2pm) we'll be crashing the Parish Council's Community Engagement event at Millbrook Village Hall. Come see us upstairs and say "Hi" 🙌 Chance to meet the team and share your ideas for your new park 📢 #BringYourNan 🛠️



Millbrook Skatepark Project is at Millbrook A.F.C. ...

3 December 2021 · Plymouth · 🌐

What a night, such a good turnout. So many prizes from so many awesome local businesses we thank you so much. It was so good to see so many stoked kids, ones that will soon get to benefit from an awesome skatepark. This is the beginning of so many things we have planned keep posted for future events we have quiz nights, band nights and so much more ahead of us 🍷🍷🍷



Skatepark event funded by Millbrook Parish Council and fundraising by Millbrook Skatepark Project



Millbrook Skatepark Project



Andrew Mitchell

🍷 · 23 September 2021 · 🌐



Thanks to every one who turned up on Sunday to support [Millbrook Skatepark Project](#). What a great atmosphere... How cool was it watching our kids showing off their tricks 🛹 and having so much fun 🙌



Millbrook Skatepark Project group branding – July 2021



Aaron Barrett changed the name of the group "Friends of Millbrook Skatepark" to "Millbrook Skatepark Project".

Admin · 31 July 2021 · 🌐



Aaron Barrett

28 July 2021 · 🌐

Ok people which do you prefer ? We are making a logo to use and these are the two we like which do you prefer and you do think we should keep the skateboard there or remove it ? 1) or 2)



👍❤️ 14

104 comments



Aaron Barrett

31 July 2021 · 🌐

Well that was kind, looks like the logo work we were getting from our friend, he has donated it to us 🙏 how kind



JamieMedia.co.uk

31 July 2021 · 🌐



Logo Design & Video Intro's

I was honoured to be asked to design a logo for the charitable Millbrook Skatepark Project.

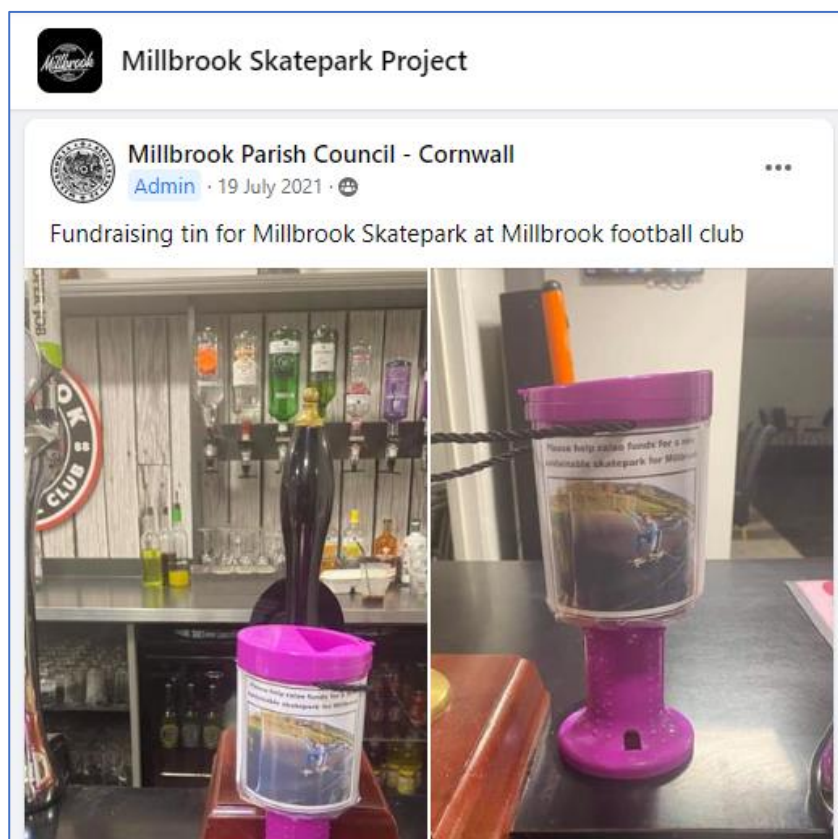
👉 So here is the final version... [See more](#)



Fundraising tins at the following locations:

Millbrook Football Club - Millbrook Pharmacy - Premier Stores - Weigh to Go

Raffle tickets available at The Rame Centre and Millbrook News and Hardware



The Friends of Millbrook Skatepark Facebook Group page – comments from February 2021



Images of other concrete skate parks shown.

Some comments received:

Concrete would be a great investment for the parish! Zero maintenance and a safer alternative, resulting in less budgetary forecast and continued footfall. Central Park in Plymouth and Sherford community have adopted this approach to ensure that the community needs are catered for at manageable costs

It's time to discuss other skatepark projects with Parish and Town councils and fundraisers on going currently in Cornwall. There are some fantastic concrete parks being created by Maverick skateparks and I think replacing the wooden structures will reduce noise pollution and enhance the area for our youth to use and enjoy long term.

Also build a graffiti wall on site and allow young talented people to showcase their skills 😊👍 it can be re painted then when required if we give the youth some ownership of it

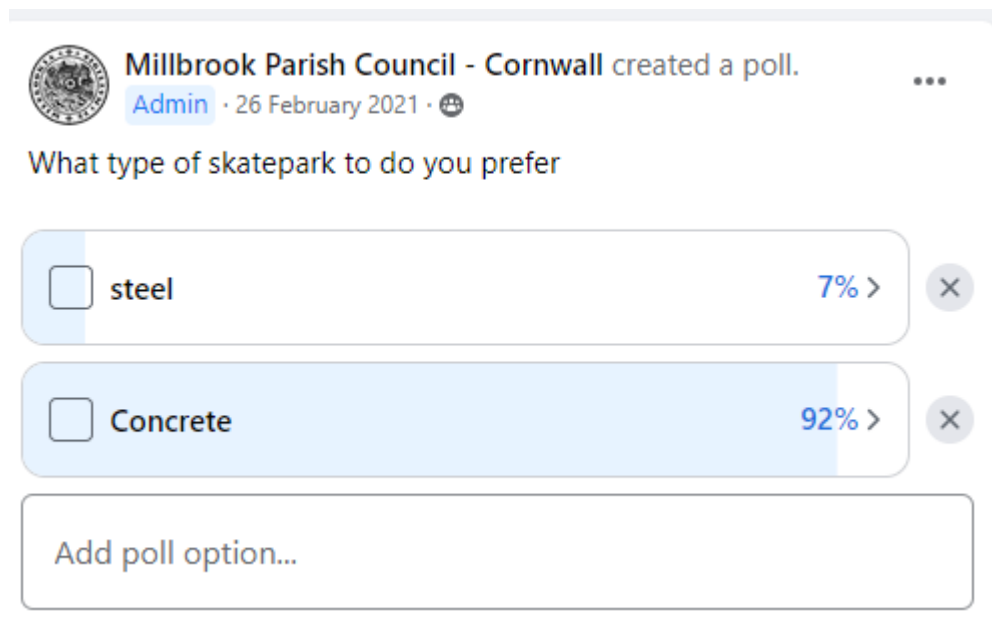
We would definitely get involved in fundraising, Bodmin, Wadebridge, Padstow and St Ives have all recently had lovely new Mavericks parks built something needs to happen at this end of Cornwall

My husband and kids are keen to get involved in a fundraiser and have suggested a local competition at the skatepark. A lot of the lottery funds are re-opening to non-covid related grants and apparently (sign of the times) have a lot of money at the mo. Any grant will need some match funding.

Also easier to incorporate different sections like street sections - ledges, rails, banks and stair sets rather than just having a load of ramps which like you said then caters for everyone

The mini ramp is ok but the rest of the ramps are rusty and dangerous

Ultimately I've ridden all types wood metal concrete and even other stuff, long term concrete is good metal can rust out especially with salt air being near the coast, we could keep the half pipe which looks good still, and then there's plenty space for a well designed concrete park, not only would it reduce sound it would last 🙌



SH: What an amazing opportunity to provide a great space for the local community. Better facilities will encourage more people to take up the sport ! As a girl that's recently started I find metal really hard to get on with it's very slippery. Concrete is low maintenance and I find a bit safer. Here's to more girls starting in milbrook 😊 I'm also a TV producer who grew up in the area and would love to document this / happily help in anyway I can x

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Millbrook Parish Council - Cornwall

Author

CT we have a meeting with Maverick coming up .

Aaron Barrett

Admin

CT I think we are looking for concrete thats by far the best way especially if we can get maverick involved we have a meeting with them real soon 🙌