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PRESS RELEASE

Funding approved for New play park at Bluntisham

Children, parents and grandparents in BLUNTISHAM are set to get a new play park thanks to a £45,169.00 grant from funding body WREN.

The money, awarded by WREN's FCC Community Action Fund, will be used to remove all existing play park equipment and install new and exciting equipment chosen by the children of the village. The play park is situated in Mill Lane, Bluntisham and hasn't had any investment for several years.

Tracey Davidson, Parish Clerk & Cllr Philippa Hope of Bluntisham Parish Council believe the facility will make a huge difference to the lives of people living in the area.

They say: "This project will provide a real boost to the people of Bluntisham. It's fantastic that WREN has awarded us this money and we're really looking forward to our new replacement play park taking shape over the next few months. Exact timescales for the start of the project will follow.

WREN is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community, biodiversity and heritage projects from funds donated by FCC Environment through the Landfill Communities Fund.

[WREN SPOKESPERSON] says: "[Kerry Talbot, WREN's grant manager for Norfolk/Cambridgeshire, says, "We're delighted to be supporting the Bluntisham Play Park project and pleased our funding will provide such a fantastic facility for children and young families. WREN is always happy to consider grant applications for projects that make a difference to local communities and we're really looking forward to seeing this one take shape soon".

Tracey Davidson hopes the new park will be ready to use by the end of the year.

Bluntisham Parish Council are excited to be able to provide such an improved facility for the children of the village and surrounding villages. As well as the new play park the outdoor gym will be installed at the same time, making the facilities available to all ages in the village vastly improved. For more details on the play park and outdoor gym and to view plans please come along to the parish council open morning on Saturday 21st May from 10 – 12pm where Cllr Philippa Hope and Tracey Davidson will be happy to discuss in more detail. For timescales please visit the parish council website, where a dedicated page will be set up showing the project progress and development. www.bluntishamparishcouncil.org

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Notes to editor

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