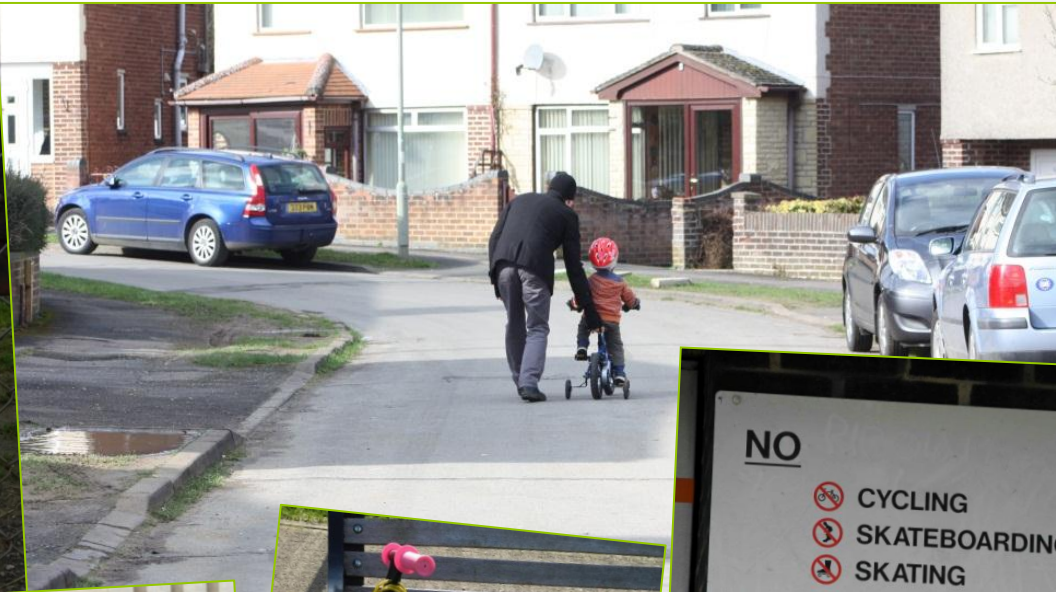


Petition for a Skate Park in Botley

Supporting information for North Hinksey Parish Council



2). The MUGA must be used for ITS INTENDED purpose only.
No skateboards, skates or bikes must be used within the play area

Why Have a Skate Park in Botley?

- A safe place for young people to play together locally and meet new people
- A multi-use facility for BMXs, scooters, skateboards, skates, etc. and for all ages is clearly wanted
- To encourage children to get active and involved in sport
- To enhance the facilities already on the playing fields and encourage their use

The Petition

“We the undersigned local residents , request that North Hinksey Parish Council provides a new skate park on the upper Louie Memorial Playing field for children and young people to ride bikes, scooters and skateboards safely, using the £12,604 insurance money from the condemned skate bowl and allocating a grant from its Louie Memorial Fields Reserve Funds”

- 806 North Hinksey residents signed so far (591 adults, 195 young people)
- 74 Cumnor & other Parish residents also signed at the Jubilee event
- 104 ‘Likes’ on Campaign for Botley Skate Park facebook page
- 136 ‘Likes’ on ‘Botley needs a Skate Park facebook page
- 110 people on Campaign email circulation list

Why Build a Skate Park Now?

- Scooters, BMXs, free-running, etc. are all growing in popularity. BMXing is now an Olympic Sport.
- Lots of funding available – e.g. Big Society Fund, Positive Activities Fund, etc.
- Community support and momentum created by ‘the Campaign’ – group of people ready and willing to fundraise, volunteer, etc.
- Local young people started this campaign and their involvement should be encouraged and rewarded.

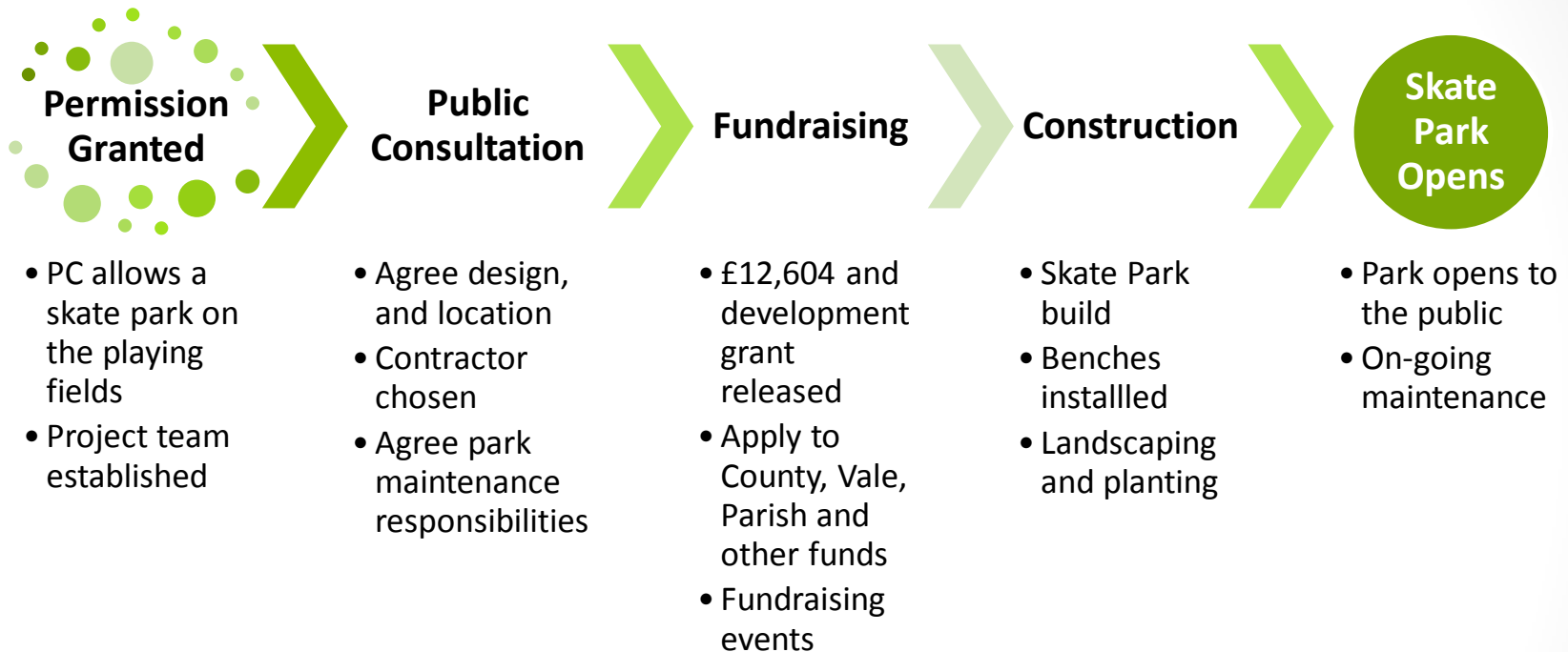
Reasons Residents Want a Skate Park

- Concern for their children's safety whilst playing in car parks and roads
- To give young people something positive to do and keep them out of trouble
- To stop children riding scooters and bikes at the shops
- Something for families with different aged children to do together
- Their (now grown-up) kids had access to one and got a lot out of it
- To encourage their children and grand children to be active and play outside
- To ensure enough facilities to cater for the growing number of families in our area
- So young people and parents don't have to travel by car to Witney/Abingdon
- To socialise and meet new friends
- Multi-functional to use for bikes, scooters, skates, skateboards, free-running, etc. is needed.

What Could a Skate Park Look Like?



Key Stages in the Development of a Skate Park in Botley



The Campaign for Botley Skate Park has built up a network of people and organisations who can advise and support the process at every stage. These include; Faringdon Town Council's Skate Park Project Manager, Oxford Wheels Project, SS20, local schools, local young people, skate park users, County and District Councillors, Brookes University, Thames Valley Police and local residents who want to make the skate park a reality.