

## Whiteparish Skatepark Project

Last year the Parish Council was approached by a resident of Whiteparish, Mrs Sarah Skeates with concerns over the current half pipe and its limitations and inability to encourage the users to progress. The existing skate ramp facility consists of a 20-year-old metal half pipe which is no longer adequate for today's more adventurous multiple users and will become expensive to maintain and service. It was considered a more varied wheeled sports facility would be more beneficial to a greater age range of users.

In October 2017 Whiteparish Parish Council resolved to support a replacement skatepark subject to certain criteria including adequate grant funding being secured. Mrs Skeates and the Parish Clerk began seeking funding and by May 2018 £100k grant award funding was secured including £15k of payments received under section 106 planning agreements.

Representatives from Whiteparish Youth Club have been members of the design team who have worked closely with the three tender skatepark companies on the design of the new skatepark. Gravity Skateparks was the chosen contractor by the Parish Council.

The skatepark will be a free formed concrete construction which has the advantages of being both durable and a low aesthetic impact due to the landscaping of the construction. The images drawn up are available to view on the village website via these links: [GEWPRO1.jpg](#), [GEWPRO2.jpg](#), [GEWPRO3.jpg](#), [GEWPRO4.jpg](#), [GEWPRO5.jpg](#), [GEWPRO6.jpg](#), [GEWPRO7.jpg](#). The construction is hoped to begin by Autumn 2018.

