

Village Hall

Representatives will be at the hall during the open session to give information about the proposed change to the legal status of the trustees.

Playing Field

So far we have not had an annual report from ROSPA. I am not sure why. **I propose the Clerk checks with ROSPA.**

Fencing around the enclosed play area.

Some of the fencing around the play area is loose, mostly it is still sturdy enough but the edge at front (where the gate is) is crooked. It does need repair and so far we have had two estimates:

Dave Bishop
To strengthen the existing fencing with concreted-in new posts for support and straighten as much as possible £3,800 To repaint the existing fence with at least two coats of product £1,600

Contact of Mo
Advice: Not worthwhile to repair Replace 3 sides 73 metres at £58 plus VAT at £5000.

SamHelliwell Fencing	
Advice: around 20 posts are rotten If all were replaced fencing could be dismantled and horizontal parts of fence could be reused	Quote awaited for 2 different options.

Advice from Rosemary re funding

We should talk to our Borough Councillors to find out if they can support the project with Ward Funding

- ☐ We should look into grants should as lottery funding
- ☐ We should speak to BRCC for their advice - they are very good at sourcing grant funding too.

I propose we decide what if any estimate we can accept and request the Clerk to investigate funding.

FOR INFORMATION

Background information re the playground for information from my report to the Parish Council : March 2022. It cost £1245 to carry out the repairs advised. The multi play area was installed under the play builder grant programme in 2010. I met Andy Readman, the UK head for inspection and maintenance from HAG on 16th March 2022. Below are the key points from our meeting, which included considering points from last year's ROSPA report. · not all the equipment was installed by HAG

- *AR said the swing and slide in the enclosed area possibly predated the multi play area. (MPA) and was installed by Wicksteed park.*
- *advised that there is some strimming damage to the base of the posts on the swings. I will follow this up with the ground contractors.*
- *AR felt the MPA was in reasonable condition and as it is in a rural location has not worn so heavily as it would have done in an urban setting. He would expect there it could continue to be used safely as long as we ensure any maintenance work is completed*
- *the main problem is that when equipment made of wood is installed directly into the ground without a steel cover at the base it rots and wears more easily.*
- *The difference can be seen in the supports for the newer swings outside the enclosed area.*
- *I was reassured by our discussion that the MPA has a few more years of use if we continue to ensure we follow through on maintenance issues. It means we have time to plan for a replacement.*

HAG will send an estimate for

- *repairs to the swing bridge where the chain is loose.*
- *lowering the shop window frame*
- *checking the mobilus top and repairing if required.*

AR suggesting using yellow concrete paint on the tunnels. He checked the fittings on the bucket swing seat. There is no fraying on them.

*I think we should consider replacing all the kick boards at the perimeter of the bark infill as a number are loose and rotting. (**Completed February 2023**)*

Plans for managing the hedges around the playing field

I propose we agree who is going look into the costs and options for the hedges.

Bin at the bus stop outside the Red Lion

I propose we agree expenditure to replace the bin and request the Borough to replace it as a matter of urgency. Below is one option.

<https://uk.glasdon.com/litter-bins/outdoor-litter-bins/topsy-royale-tm-litter-bin>

Still outstanding: Update of Welcome packs

To be deferred until the casual vacancies are filled.

Janet Day 5th July 2023