

Playing Field Report for RSPC Meeting 5 August 2024

The inspection of the play equipment by RoSPA Play Safety highlighted minor repairs. I have received one quote from HAGS **to conduct minor repairs and maintenance to all the play equipment** where required. Andy from HAGS has prepared an updated quote (c£3000) – forwarded to the PC via email on 11/6 - to include repair to one of the toddler swing seats and damage caused by the travellers last month. I await a date for the works to commence. Equipment repair monies exist to pay for this.

Cllr Sanderson and I met with Paul R to discuss **green maintenance** on the playing field. Paul has completed this work which includes clearing brambles etc that are encroaching on the Lay Gardens fences, defining the area of three new trees in the same area, defining the edge of our side of the Spring Lane path along the whole length and cutting back on the northern end of the path. He is submitting his invoice at which point payment can be set up as the work and quote was agreed at the last meeting.

Despite chasing up twice this month, I am still awaiting an update from Tracy at Bubbenhall PC as to whether they want to take possession of the **four dog waste bins** that are currently being stored in the RSS&SC / Community Hall yard. I understand we shall pass these on free of charge.

On 18/4/24 I met with Lisa Ptassek with regard to her proposed site for a **new park bench**. This was to be on the western side of the rear of houses on Hamilton Road and we understand the site is awaiting adoption by WDC. As this may take several months, I met with Lisa on 6 June who suggested a new site near the table tennis table on the playing field. She expects no PC funding. This was agreed at the last meeting although Lisa has been let down by her preferred supplier/installer and will keep me updated as to progress over the coming weeks.

I am in contact with Terry Davidson with regard to the **new football team** and including him in plans to prepare the goal posts and pitch in readiness for the autumn. Paul R has made good **repairs to the goalmouths** and Cllr Roe has watered the turf through out the last two months. Paul R is has completed maintenance to the **goal posts** - file off rust, prime and Hammerite and is submitting his invoice at which point payment can be set up as the work and quote was agreed at the last meeting.

Following intrusion of travellers in June, the Chairman, Cllr Friar and myself inspected the measures taken by Baginton PC to protect their playing field. They had a very substantial **galvanised steel gate** installed and have had no travellers in the eight years since. We considered that a similar gate would suit the vulnerable entry point alongside the social club and have asked three companies to quote for the work. Doug from Secure-a-Field visited and has provided a quote which has been forwarded to Playing Field committee for perusal. I await appointment contact from two other companies.

Cllr Friar had a walk around the field with Henry Marriot on Monday 8/7 to **catalogue the trees**. Henry pointed out that the Ash trees with die back and offered to come along and take them out. There is also a rogue elm which is a left over from when he took the elms out a few years ago and he has suggested he will take that away as it will be trouble in the future (it's in between the Plane

Trees). He has also said he will do something about the ivy climbing the trees on the Spring Lane side of the field and also suggested the branch over hanging the fence laying on top of the new bushes. I spoke to Henry who agreed to carry out the work as listed but this would be done in the autumn as this was best for the ongoing health of the trees. Cllr Friar has catalogued the trees on Parish Online.

I have had communication from a resident: "I am writing to ask if **gates could be erected at the children's park in the playing field**. There are signs to say no dogs in there but it is hard for dog owners to keep their dogs out. I have a fear of dogs and two small girls to look after in there. A dog owner spoke to me and says she wishes there were gates too as then she could keep her dog out and bring her child in. Many thanks in advance." I have replied stating that I am away and recall that there may have been gates that were taken off as the springs on them were considered potentially dangerous and may pinch children's fingers(?). One for discussion at the next meeting.

Councillor Jack Dempsey