

Playing Field Report for RSPC Meeting 28 October 2024

HAGS have yet to complete **the minor repairs and maintenance to all the play equipment**. Most of the work has been done with a few items that require finishing off such as the see-saw, proper screws on the slide panel and adjusting the height of the new swing. Equipment repair monies exist to pay for this and we have received an invoice that will be paid upon agreed satisfactory completion of the work.

I met with Paul R on 8/10/24 to discuss **green maintenance** on the playing field to be conducted over the winter months. Also he has quoted for the rodding of the drain outside the community hall. I hope to have the quotes by 28/10/24. ***For Discussion at meeting.***

Following intrusion of travellers in June, we have had a substantial **galvanised steel gate** installed at the vulnerable entry point alongside the social. George Worrall Engineering (GWE) completed this installation on 21/10/24 and I expect an invoice in due course.

Cllr Friar had a walk around the field with Henry Marriot on Monday 8/7/24 to **catalogue the trees**. Henry pointed out that the **Ash trees with Dieback** 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 when he has replaced equipment lost in a theft. Cllr Friar has catalogued the trees on Parish Online. ***For Discussion at meeting.***

I have received a communication from a resident of Lay Gardens with regard to a requirement to address an issue of **trees overhanging the gardens**: "My problem is about two specific trees in the Sports Ground. They back right up to my garden fence and have never been maintained in the nearly 30 years I have lived here. There is one in particular which looks very dangerous in the extreme weather conditions we have been having. Should it come down it will hit not only my house but possibly two others as well. I would be interested in your report on these, and also the fact the one directly behind my house is over 15 feet high and blocking almost all natural light into my house" I visited the resident and must agree that the trees do need some husbandry. Three tree surgeons have visited the site and proffered quotes that have been sent to councillors to assess prior to the next meeting. Although Henry M has agreed to remove the **Ash trees with Dieback**, I have asked for quotes to do this as per regulations. ***For Discussion at meeting.***

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.” After discussion at the last meeting I have approached GWE to quote for this.

I am awaiting a date for Proludic to attend for the **annual maintenance on the Outdoor Gym**. There are a couple of repairs that they are aware of which shall be completed at the same time.

Councillor Jack Dempsey