

## Playing Field Report for RSPC Meeting 25 November 2024

As of 19/11/24 HAGS have yet to complete **the minor repairs and maintenance to all the play equipment** namely finishing off the see-saw, proper screws on the slide panel and adjusting the height of the new swing equipment repair. We have received a invoice that will be paid upon agreed satisfactory completion of the work.

Paul R has submitted a quote for conducting this winter's **green maintenance** on the playing field. He shall likely complete this over December/January when the leaf management will be easier.

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 28/10/24 and they shall submit an invoice to the clerk.

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 shall meet with Henry in December to discuss the work to be done.

In the summer, I received a communication from a resident of Lay Gardens with regard to a requirement to address an issue of **trees overhanging the gardens**. I visited the resident and must agree that the trees do need some husbandry. Also we have several **Ash trees with Dieback** that require removal. Following submission of quotes from three tree surgeons as per regs, a contractor was agreed upon at the October meeting to complete these. I await notification as to when the work will be done.

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 and await a quote for options on panels and gates.

On 23/10/24, Proludic attended and completed and repairs and **annual maintenance on the Outdoor Gym**. Invoice sent to clerk on 30/10/24 for payment.

Councillor Jack Dempsey