

Playing Field Report for RSPC Meeting 30 October 2023

Proludic have been and serviced the **Outdoor Gym** on 10 October. A comprehensive report was emailed to me with some minor maintenance repairs indicated. Also forwarded to the clerk for records. The invoice for a footplate repair (completed by me in August) and the maintenance visit has been paid. Services will take place on an annual basis moving forward.

The **five concrete bollards and two steel removable bollards** were installed on 10 August. I have had four sets of keys cut one of which has been given to Philomena who works for WCC. She has handed this set to the contractors who empty the bins on the field. Cllr Malin has a set that she will keep at the Community Hall and the clerk has a set. I have retained the originals and a spare set.

The clerk has been communicating with **RoSPA Play Safety with regard to the inspection** of the play equipment on the field, which should have taken place in September. They would not inform us of the date of their visit without payment as they considered this to be a consultation. Clerk to advise on progress or chase up as required.

At the last meeting we discussed **No Ball Games signs** to be placed on the walls of the Social Club following correspondence from a resident. The Community Hall committee have authorised the placing of the signs on the club wall facing Lewis Road. I am designing bespoke signs with location specific wording as agreed to be purchased via Amazon.

Councillor Sanderson has monitored **the Wildflower plan for the borders at the northern end of the playing field**. Josie and the clerk have contacted Wagstaffs numerous times over several weeks with no reply. The plan is quite technical in a botanical sense but essentially care is needed with maintenance of the flowers. We may need to decide whether Wagstaffs are suitable to mow the field and care for the wild flowers when their communication is so poor.

I have visited residents in Lay Gardens whose gardens back onto the playing field. They have ivy, **brambles and other vegetation** growing over the fence into their gardens. Cllr Friar and I conducted a survey of green maintenance issues around the field concluded that we should employ the services of a garden maintenance company to 'tidy up' the bushes around the field. Other areas include behind the gym where growth is impeding use of equipment, further along the boundary with Lay Gardens and the footpath in the south west corner leading to cricketers site. I shall arrange three quotes from local companies by meeting them at the field so that instructions/requirements are clear. I'd let everyone know when appointments are made as I'd appreciate the support.

I intend to research **seat repairs to the shelter** in the middle of the playing field over the coming weeks.

Councillor Jack Dempsey