

## Playing Field Report for RSPC Meeting 29 April 2024

The inspection of the play equipment took place on 19/10/23 by RoSPA Play Safety. The report has been sent to several companies requesting quotes to **conduct minor repairs and maintenance to all the play equipment** where required. I have received one quote from HAGS, forwarded to fellow councillors in January and March. Andy from HAGS met me at the playing field on 22 April to go over the quote for update. There are solutions for refurbishment for everything including the MUGA. He suggests that we maintain the **goal posts** ourselves as they would just file off rust, prime and Hammerite. Andy will prepare an updated quote and stay in contact to forward the matter. I am preparing a funding bid to National Lottery Community Fund although they suggest we need to prove the community benefit – i.e. The community have requested the maintenance.

I have received quotes from Proludic and HAGS with regard to **installing hard standing for the Outdoor Gym**. Both were forwarded to fellow councillors in January and March but can be reviewed as the only quotes we have received. This was mentioned at the last meeting and is on hold for now. Andy from HAGS suggested a solution as being wet pour hard standing just around each piece of apparatus, not the entire area.

As per previous meetings, Cllr Sanderson has monitored **the Wildflower plan for the borders at the northern end of the playing field**. Myself and Cllr Sanderson met Duane Wagstaff as per the Environmental report. We were satisfied that Wagstaffs should continue the contract to mow the playing field and communications with Duane have been established.

### ***Other matters***

Following an issue with dog waste bins not being emptied, councillors met with WDC representative on 16/2/24 and a plan to ratify waste needs is being formulated that will not increase budget spend but will ensure all bins are emptied on time and we don't have residents having to tolerate overflowing or unemptied bins. Cllr Friar is in contact with WCC and we now have **new bins** arriving imminently with installation options being explored.

On 18/2/24 a removable **bollard on the Spring Lane footpath was subjected to criminal damage** by being removed from the ground by force by persons unknown. Although the reason is not clear, we considered that the playing field was vulnerable to traveller trespass. **A concrete bollard was installed on 27/3/24**. We still await plan for the steel bollard to be repaired.

On 18/4/24 I met with Lisa Ptassek with regard to her proposed site for a **bench**. This would be on the western side of the rear of houses on Hamilton Road. She expects no PC funding but would like help identifying the land owner so they can be approached and relevant permission obtained. I fully support the request. As far as the clerk is aware the site is awaiting adoption by WDC (it is the area of land that the PC have asked A.C. Lloyd to tidy up but they are diffident as they await the adoption). The clerk understands that when the cricketers site roadways are adopted, WDC intend that the piece of land is to be kept tidy as an amenity. So I ask our WDC representative assist in identifying if the land is to be in the ownership of WDC and when.

Councillor Jack Dempsey