

## Recreation Ground Report For Council Meeting on 03 September 2024

### Agenda Item 7.1

I would like, firstly, to make a reflection on the use of the Recreation Ground over the last two months. Upon my regular visits to the rec it was clear that our community (and most likely others from outside of the area) find this a place in which to gather, connect, and enjoy time in nature. Every part of this rec is used by people of all ages and backgrounds. On the occasion of any visit to the ground I saw people using the tennis court with others waiting racquets ready, families picnicking at the benches with children enjoying the play equipment, people at both ends of the football pitch, and two, sometimes three groups of people playing different games on the MUGA. Our recreation ground is a simply wonderful part of this parish and we should be truly proud of the efforts of members of this council and the many teams who work together to tend to it.

- Cllr Leigh-Jones spent time looking at the play equipment and checking on support chains for swings.
- Several protruding nails were hammered back into wood sections.
- Three bolt caps were replaced but caps for some of the smaller bolts that need covering need to be sourced. It is recommended we order a batch of these (they are plastic and probably would not be too costly).
- One joist on the wooden equipment (the one with the single hand to hand swings) is loose and needs repairing/replacing (image attached). It is recommended we ask the Handyperson group if this is something they could attend to or get a quote from Infinity Playgrounds for replacement/repair.



## **Agenda Item 7.2**

I have received the checklists from Grass and Grounds for the months of July and August and can confirm the checklist (along with the status of the Defib) comes up with no issues to report.

## **Agenda Item 7.3**

Here is the report for July/August work done by the Handyperson group:

**Tree Watering:** Various volunteer teams and individuals have continued watering the 11 new trees in the Recreation Ground when weather conditions required. Grass clearance for access to the trees is now good. Where there might be problems ( possible disease, aphids or structure) this has been reported to Cllr Leach for any action.

**Benches:** The 3 bare wood new benches in the Recreation Ground have all received 3 coats of protective stain.

**Play Equipment:** The largest equipment has been recoated with non-slip paint. The very high usage of the play area has prevented completion of the task of re-coating the other two equipment. This will be done in the early Autumn.

**Speed Warning Equipment:** This has received regular maintenance and battery change. Batteries are beginning to depreciate achieving only 6 or 7 days now against early 10-12 days originally. The Council might wish to discuss the continuing utility of this equipment.

**Reactive Tasking:** Members of the Group have reacted to safety concerns by fencing off the damaged furniture in the Recreation Ground and Battery.

**Future Tasking:** Completion of non-slip painting in the play area. Leaf clearance in the late Autumn. Reacting as required to simply tasking.

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