

Agenda Item 10 Play Area

Summary

To consider repairs to Parish Council owned play equipment

Background

The Parish Council is the owner of certain play equipment on the Borough Council's play area and as such we appear to be responsible for their maintenance. An inspection was undertaken last October and which produced quite a promising report in terms of the condition of the equipment and which I have set out below.

No action is required in relation to the Signs; Gates; Seating; Boulder; Litter bin or Carousel.

The Multitplay requires a rub down and damaged edges treated descaled and painted; The rocker boat has loose fittings which need to be tightened

The swing basked needs to be descaled and painted. It has since been removed.

Swings need to be descaled and painted

Legal Requirements

The Health and Safety at Work Etc. Act 1974 (HASAWE Act) imposes a duty on the Council to ensure that its equipment, available for use by children, is safe. The British Standard 1892 Part 1:1986 states *"It is important that all physical education apparatus is maintained in a first class, fully safe condition"*. Inspection and maintenance procedures are recommended by the Health and Safety Executive, Insurers and RoSPA. Playground managers have a legal and moral responsibility of care to children using the site - and at the same time they need to meet the expectations of parents. Inspections should be to EN1176, Part 7.

Details

An inspection of the equipment was undertaken with a representative from a company named Play Safety Limited and a joint list of works were agreed. Those that fall within the remit of the Parish Council are set out above. The Parish Council now needs to secure completion of the relevant works and the Borough Council has been asked if it can undertake the work and if so to provide a price for the Council to consider. That is awaited.

If the Borough Council is unable to undertake the works then a contractor may be required to be appointed.

Budget Implications

The Budget for this next year includes for a sum of £2500 for the works

Risk Management Implications if any

Completion of the works goes towards the Council's obligation to reduce the risk of harm to children

Recommendation

That

1. if the Borough can undertake the work, within budget, it be authorised to do so.
2. If an external contractor is required then quotes should be invited and be reported back to the Council for approval