

Play Area Inspection Reports

A summary of findings from the most recent West Suffolk Play Area inspections is attached as Appendix A.

These reports were followed up with the inspector who has confirmed that he had logged the following issues as complete:

1. Skatepark – Weedgrowth – cleared on 5th October
2. Cemetery Road Play Park: Buffers on Monorail fitted 6th September
3. Cableway: Inspection and re-tensioning carried out on 6th September

In addition:

- Kevin and Andrea Grimes cleaned all the metal play equipment of algae following the September inspection; and
- The tree canopy at Cemetery Road Play area has now been lifted
- Play area inspections have been made available on google forms

Following the October inspection, the clerk has sought costs for replacement items such as chains, shackles, bushes, swing seats, bolt caps etc. and is awaiting a quote from On-line playgrounds.

In February, the Committee authorised the costs of play equipment supplies (**WPC.EC.23.02.03**) as below:

The Estates Committee authorise the clerk to purchase replacement equipment (including where necessary, the cost of fitting replacements) as identified under the monthly inspections undertaken in accordance with the service level agreement (low risk or greater) with West Suffolk Council during the financial year 2023/24 up to: (current spend shown in brackets

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| i. | Playground Cemetery Road | £1000.00 plus VAT | (£506.77 plus VAT) |
| ii. | Playground Bury Road | £500.00 plus VAT | |
| iii. | MUGA & Skate Park | £500.00 plus VAT | (490.00 plus VAT) |

Leaving the following funds available for maintenance until year end:

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| i. | Playground Cemetery Road | £493.23 plus VAT |
| ii. | Playground Bury Road | £500.00 plus VAT |
| iii. | MUGA & Skate Park | £ 10.00 plus VAT |

Additionally, Online Playgrounds have issued a credit note (£100 plus VAT) to the parish council against an item of work in the previous financial year.

Work which the parish council could undertake as part of volunteer days includes:

- Repair of paling fence to Childrens Play Area at Cemetery Road and removal of concrete block
- Cleaning down of wood and metal play equipment at Cemetery Road and treatment for wood and metal
- Replacement of bin in MUGA space (there is one spare in the Chapel of Rest)

And the clerk has approached the WI for their consent to access their water supply.

Stanton Parish council are in the process of arranging play area inspection training, at an anticipated cost of £250 per person (including certification) and the clerk has expressed an interest in one place (there is currently a revenue budget of £756 for training).

Proposal:

The estates committee authorise the cost of inspection training for up to two councillors at a cost of not more than £500.

Bury Road Pocket Park

Item	Manufacturer	Year of Purchase	Purchase Cost	In Warranty	Date of Inspection	Risk assessment	Finding 1	Action	Cost to R	Who	When
Site General	Owner/Operator				05/10/2023	Very Low Risk	This item is satisfactory - no work required -			Other	Within one year
Sign	Owner/Operator				05/10/2023	Very Low Risk	This item is satisfactory - no work required -			Other	Within three months
Gate - Self Cl	IDVERDE				05/10/2023	Low Risk	The gate is closing too quickly (less than 4 seconds) - Take	Asked KG to rectify		Volunteers	Within one month
Fence - Chair	Not Identified				05/10/2023	Low Risk	There is some damage to the fence sections - Monitor for a	Get quote		Include in Other	Within three months
Bench	Not Identified				05/10/2023	Very Low Risk	This item is satisfactory - no work required -				
Litter Bin	Wybone				05/10/2023	Very Low Risk	This item is satisfactory - no work required -				
1 Bay Mixed	Playdale Playgrounds Ltd				05/10/2023	Low Risk	There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process - Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required			Cold pour surface to be included in fut	Within three months
							There is some wear to the shackles - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn			Replacement cost re: Volunteers	Within one month
							There is some notable evidence of chain wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn			Replacement cost re: Volunteers	Within one month
							The seat has minor damage or wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required			Replacement cost re: Volunteers	Within one month
							The bushes are showing signs of wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required			Replacement cost re: Volunteers	Within one month
Spring See-S: Ledon					05/10/2023	Low Risk	There is algae or moss on the surface of the equipment - Clean and treat appropriately			Kevin and Andrea cleaned in September	completed
Jeep	Not Identified				05/10/2023	Low Risk	There is algae or moss on the surface of the equipment - Clean and treat appropriately			Kevin and Andrea cleaned in September	completed
							There is some damage to the item - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as require				
Multi-play (Ju	IDVERDE	2020	£ 7,353		05/10/2023	Low Risk	The timber has a number of splits/shakes or air cracks and this may affect the stability or allow water ingress which will accelerate the rotting process - Monitor to ensure the splits do not cross through fixing points of the structure and/or cause any instability	treat		Volunteers	Within three months
							The ropes/nets are worn/damaged in places - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair or replace as required			Netting replaced September - error on reporting acknowledged by inspec	
							There is algae or moss on the surface of the equipment - Clean and treat appropriately			Kevin and Andrea cleaned in September - error on reporting acknowledged	

Cemetery Road Play Area

Item	Manufacturer	Date first identified	Risk assessment	Finding	Action	Cost to Rectify	Who	When
Site General	Owner/Operator	06/10/2023	Low Risk	There is a redundant concrete base causing trip hazards in the play area - Remove the concrete and reinstate	Remove		Volunteers	
Sign	Owner/Operator	06/10/2023	Very Low Risk	This item is satisfactory - no work required -				
Gate - Self Closing (MSC End)	Not Identified	06/10/2023	Low Risk	There are trip hazards at the edges of the surface - Reinstate surrounding surface levels to remove the trip points	Get quote for cold pour replacement			
Gate - maintenance	Not Identified	06/10/2023	Very Low Risk	This item is satisfactory - no work required -				
Fencing - Timber	Not Identified	06/10/2023	Low Risk	There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process - Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required The adjacent foliage is overhanging - Cut back and maintain There is some damage to the item - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required	Check and treat posts Completed 16/10 replace palings		Volunteers	
Picnic Table	Not Identified	06/10/2023	Very Low Risk	This item is satisfactory - no work required - The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding - Treat affected areas and repaint	get costs for metal treatment		Volunteers	
Litter Bin	Not Identified	06/10/2023	Low Risk	This item is satisfactory - no work required -				
Bench	Not Identified	06/10/2023	Very Low Risk	A number of fixing(s) have worked loose - Secure all loose fixings	secure		Volunteers	
Spring Snail	Miracle Recreation Equipment Company	06/10/2023	Low Risk	A number of fixing(s) have worked loose - Secure all loose fixings	secure		Volunteers	
Spring Bee	Miracle Recreation Equipment Company	06/10/2023	Low Risk	This item is satisfactory - no work required -				
Spinner Bowl	Sutcliffe Play Ltd	06/10/2023	Very Low Risk	The grass mats are silted up and the soil is compacted; this may have an effect on the impact absorbing properties of the surface - Consider HIC testing impact absorbing properties to ensure the correct surface qualities are maintained for the equipment and replace as required There is some notable evidence of chain wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn	check cost of HIC testing quote requested		Other	
Swing - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Cradle)	Miracle Recreation Equipment Company	06/10/2023	Low Risk	The swing seat connectors have some wear present - Monitor for further deterioration and replace when 40% worn There is algae or moss on the surface of the equipment - Clean and treat appropriately	quote requested clean and treat		Volunteers	
Stepping Posts Timber	Playworld Systems (Europe) Ltd	06/10/2023	Low Risk	There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process - Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required The timber has a number of splits/shakes or air cracks and this may affect the stability or allow water ingress which will accelerate the rotting process - Monitor to ensure the splits do not cross through fixing points of the structure and/or cause any instability	clean and treat		Volunteers	
Embankment Slide	Miracle Recreation Equipment Company	06/10/2023	Low Risk	The surface has eroded in some areas and may be slippery in wet conditions - Reinstate the surface	treat		Volunteers	
Activity Trail	Miracle Recreation Equipment Company	06/10/2023	Low Risk	There is/are bolt cap covers missing or damaged on the item - Replace missing or damaged bolt cap covers There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process - Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required The timber has a number of splits/shakes or air cracks and this may affect the stability or allow water ingress which will accelerate the rotting process - Monitor to ensure the splits do not cross through fixing points of the structure and/or cause any instability There is algae or moss on the surface of the equipment - Clean and treat appropriately	get quote quote requested		Volunteers	
Swing - 2 Bay 2 Flat 1 Basket Seat	Miracle Recreation Equipment Company	06/10/2023	Low Risk	The ropes/nets are worn/damaged in places - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair or replace as required Parts of the timber are rough or splintered - Remove all rough or sharp edges There is moderate damage to the surface - Repair the damaged areas of surfacing There are gaps opening between the grass mat tiles - Provide additional ties or secure / reinstate surface	get quote sand and treat Get quote for cold pour repli as above		Original Supplier Volunteers Other	
Supernova	Kompan Ltd	06/10/2023	Very Low Risk	The swing seat connectors have some wear present - Monitor for further deterioration and replace when 40% worn There is some notable evidence of chain wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn The seat has minor damage or wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required	quote requested quote requested quote requested		Volunteers Volunteers Volunteers	
Overhead Rotator	Miracle Recreation Equipment Company	06/10/2023	Very Low Risk	There is algae or moss on the surface of the equipment - Clean and treat appropriately The paint is flaking off the metalwork - Rub down and repaint	clean and treat rub down and repaint		Volunteers Volunteers	
Multi-play (Senior)	Miracle Recreation Equipment Company	06/10/2023	Low Risk	This item is satisfactory - no work required - This item is satisfactory - no work required - The tree canopy overhangs the equipment and is less than 2.0m away - Lift tree canopy to ensure a minimum clearance of 2.0m from the equipment	canopy lifted 16/10 clean and treat work completed 6/09/2023		Volunteers Online Playgrounds Volunteers	
Log Walk	Miracle Recreation Equipment Company	06/10/2023	Low Risk	A number of fixing(s) have worked loose - Secure all loose fixings There are a number of dents in the slide surface - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required The timber has a number of splits/shakes or air cracks and this may affect the stability or allow water ingress which will accelerate the rotting process - Monitor to ensure the splits do not cross through fixing points of the structure and/or cause any instability	secure fixings get quote		Original Supplier Volunteers	
Climbing Frame	Not Identified	06/10/2023	Low Risk	There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process - Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required There is/are bolt cap covers missing or damaged on the item - Replace missing or damaged bolt cap covers There is algae or moss on the surface of the equipment - Clean and treat appropriately	treat treat		Volunteers Volunteers	
Cable Runway	Fenland Leisure Products	06/10/2023	Low Risk	The ropes/nets are worn/damaged in places - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair or replace as required The connecting lugs are showing signs of wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required We have completed a visual inspection of the suspension links, cable and fixing points from ground level, however it is not possible to fully inspect these areas without either hiring equipment to gain access or removing the cable and suspension and inspecting at ground level. We recommend that the main cable and fixing security is thoroughly inspected at least in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations to check for wear, damage, security or internal rusting; this will help to ensure the continued safe use of the equipment - Inspect in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations The seat connection cannot be inspected without dismantling the seat - Dismantle the seat to inspect the seat connection for wear The cableway seat has been damaged - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required	get quote quote requested		Other Online Playgrounds	
				The nylon inserts are worn or missing at the point the cable enters the traveller - Replace worn or missing inserts as required There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process - Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required There is algae or moss on the surface of the equipment - Clean and treat appropriately There are a number of redundant staples attached to the equipment - Remove redundant staples	work completed 6/09/2023 quote requested quote requested		Online Playgrounds Online Playgrounds	
					quote requested		Online Playgrounds	
					treat clean and treat remove		Volunteers Volunteers Volunteers	

Multi-use Games Area

Item	Manufacturer	Date of Inspection	Risk asse	Finding 1	Action	Cost to Rectify	Who	When
Site General	Owner/Operator	06/10/2023	Low Risk	There is moderate damage to the surface - The concrete is breaking up around the edges of the surface - Repair the damaged concrete	Get quote for new surface to		Other	Within one year
Fence Bowto	Not Identified	06/10/2023	Very Low	This item is satisfactory - no work required -	Discuss with RH Landscapes		Other	Within three months
Litter Bin	Not Identified	06/10/2023	Low Risk	There is some damage to the item exposing	Get quote		Online Playground	Within three months
Ball Games A Base Works	Sovereign	06/10/2023	Very Low	This item is satisfactory - no work required -				

Skate Park

Item	Manufacturer	Date of Insj	Risk ass	Finding 1	Action	Cost to Rectify	Who	When
Site General	Owner/Operator	06/10/2023	Low Risk	There is weed / vegetation growth on, between, or around the edges of the surfacing - Remove weed / vegetation growth There is root damage to the surfacing creating unforeseen changes in levels - Repair the damaged areas of tarmac to provide a uniform surface	This work was completed 5th October Get quote for re-surfacing to be included in grant template		Volunteers	completed
Litter Bin	Not Identified	06/10/2023	Very Low	There is some damage apparent to the riding surface - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required This item is satisfactory - no work required -	get quote		Original Supplier	
Fence - Bow	Not Identified	06/10/2023	Low Risk	There is some damage to the fence sections - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required The adjacent foliage is overhanging - Cut back and maintain	inspect and get images for quote This work was completed 5th October		Other	Volunteers completed
Shelter	Not Identified	06/10/2023	Low Risk	There is some evidence of fire damage to the item - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required Pop rivet fixings have failed on the seat - Replace the failed pop rivets There is surface corrosion / rust present on the item - Consider treating the item	Quote sought Seeking advice on best treatment		Volunteers	Within one month Within one month
Grind Rail	Eibe Play Ltd	06/10/2023	Low Risk	There is surface corrosion / rust present on the item - Consider treating the item	Seeking advice on best treatment		Volunteers	Within three months
Grind Rail	Eibe Play Ltd	06/10/2023	Low Risk	There is surface corrosion / rust present on the item - Consider treating the item	Seeking advice on best treatment		Volunteers	Within three months
Grind Box	Eibe Play Ltd	06/10/2023	Low Risk	There is surface corrosion / rust present on the item - Consider treating the item	Seeking advice on best treatment		Volunteers	Within three months
Quarter Pipe	Eibe Play Ltd	06/10/2023	Low Risk	The item (side panel) has been damaged - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required	Contact Eibe for costs		Original Supplier	
Platform Ramp	Eibe Play Ltd	06/10/2023	Very Low	This item is satisfactory - no work required -			Other	
Half Pipe	Eibe Play Ltd	06/10/2023	Low Risk	A number of fixing(s) have worked loose - Secure all loose fixings	secure fixings		Volunteers	Within one month
Base Works	Eibe Play Ltd							