

Meeting of the Play Equipment Committee
Held on Sunday 27 November 2011

Present:- Cllrs. G. Wilkinson, R.W. Allison, C. Baty & E. Wannop. Also Ken Wannop and Wendy Jameson (Town Clerk).

891 Annual Inspection Report

The Annual Inspection report has been received which was circulated to the Play Equipment Committee.

Block to be added to gate, so that kids cannot catch themselves on the latch.

Disabled Swing - piece to be cut out of the bottom to allow water to drain out.

Surfacing needs edged and re-done but if the Council are going to refurbish the whole lot, it was agreed to wait.

Sutcliffe See-saw - Fill gap with silicone. Rubber surfacing needs replaced.

Rocking horse - Condemned. Contact Wilson & Sons to cut it off and remove the equipment.

Swings - Bars on the swings are bent. Contact Wilson & Sons to straighten and put stops on, so they cannot get bent again. 2 flat seats need replaced - order from Wicksteed Leisure.

Wooden picnic benches - to be replaced with plastic ones from the Paddling pool.

Sandpit - New liner is needed. Re-line and top up with sand before Spring.

Ship - According to the report the Fireman's pole is the wrong thickness. Ship's wheel is missing. Pirate flag needs welded on top of pole - Contact Wilson & Sons to do this.

Foundations are showing and need rounded off. Bark to be topped up.

Bouncy elephant etc - no problems.

Slide - crack in the slide needs welded. Contact Wilson & Sons.

Train - Roof of engine has been bent due to kids climbing on it. Seat also bent. Wilson & Sons to be asked to weld the seat. Couplings between the carriages are a bit sharp and corners need to be cut off with an angle grinder underneath. Bark to be topped up.

Space net - Someone has attempted to cut the ropes with a penknife in places. Need to observe and check for any further damage. Ropes have been tightened up as much as possible.

Fun Ball - Pads are slippery - moss killer to be sprayed on them.

892 Minutes

Minutes of the last Play Equipment committee meeting held on 31 January 2009 were approved and signed as a true record.

893 New Equipment

Various companies were approached for refurbishing the play area which would prove very expensive. Quotations ranged from £39k to £73k. It was suggested that the Town Council could replace individual items of equipment rather than make an expensive scheme. Look to replacing the roundabout. It had been suggested that the bank would be ideal for a zip wire. It was suggested that £10K be included in the budget for the next couple of years to replace individual items of equipment. Need to consult with kids to find out what they would like in the play area. Letter to be sent to the Primary School to find out what they want. It was suggested that there is a need for an area for small kids - maybe add area to Splash Play. Prices to be obtained for new swings and new roundabout,

Signed..... Date.....