

Play Equipment Committee
Minutes of a meeting held on 8 February 2014

Present:- Cllrs. G. Wilkinson, C. Baty & A. Emmerson. Also Wendy Jameson (Town Clerk) & Ken Wannop.

708 **Apologies:-** Cllrs. S. Graham.

709 **Declaration of Interest**
None

710 **Exclusion of Press & Public**
None

711 **Minutes**
Minutes of the meeting held on the 23 March 2013 were approved and signed as a true record.

712 **Annual Inspection Report**
The contents of the annual inspection report were considered and decisions taken on what action was required.

Eden Street Play Area

Depth of the bark surface needs to be increased.

Gate – Top gate has been replaced with a self closing gate and it was agreed that the bottom gate also be replaced with the same type of gate.

Swings – New shackles to be obtained from Wicksteed for the first set of swings. Disabled swing seat has been damaged by fire – Ken to repair the seat with a plastic patch weld. Rubber surface has been damaged – repair kit to be obtained.

See-saw – Ken to repair the gap between the beam and channel and repair the rubber surfacing.

Sand pit – An additional supply of sand is to be obtained before Easter.

Pirate Ship – Concrete foundations are exposed at the base of the slide. Ken to alter the foundations and depth of bark to be increased. Various other comments were made in the inspection report but the equipment was inspected shortly after being installed and certified as meeting safety criteria.

Space Net – Ropes are rubbing against the supports but ropes have been tightened as far as they can be and therefore no further adjustments can be made. Ken to obtain some bonded electric tape to cover over exposed wires on one of the ropes which has been damaged.

Woodland Play Area

Depth of the bark surface needs to be increased.

Rope bridge with net structure – The report mentions the risk of a child falling against bracket edges and also projecting bolt threads. It is not clear from the report where this relates to. Some of the chains which should have been galvanised are starting to rust. Clerk to investigate the matter with the equipment manufacturers.

The depth of bark needs to be increased in both play areas. Clerk to order two loads of bark to be delivered after half term.

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