

Drinkstone Parish Council

Playing Field

Report to the Annual Parish Meeting (AGM) Dated 14th May 2018

Agenda Item 18;05;17 Parish Council Report (Recreation ground)

It's been my Third year as a councillor and being responsible for the Recreation ground "The Cricket" and all the children's play equipment. It's has been another quite year with no major problems arising, the following list represents the work carried out during the year;

a. Dog Fouling on the park

This I am glad to report has become less of an issue for many people using the park. From people just walking the area to sporting activities using the main football pitch and most importantly the children's play equipment/areas!

However as I said last year, we had come a long way in this matter, but we still get the occasional report of a problem. So thank you to the dog owners of their care and attention to their responsibilities, we shall carry on monitoring.

b. Weekly park & playground equipment inspections

As I said in last year's AGM report the inspections are being carried out by myself. So to keep uniformity in the inspections I shall carry on doing so and reporting them to full council each month.

c. Annual Playground Equipment Inspection

This was carried out by The Play Inspection Company Ltd back in August of last year (Ref: 16529) and is available to view on the village web site. The equipment was deemed safe to use with a "Risk Assessment 10-Low Risk" with only minor maintenance recommendations. These were reviewed and reported to the full council. Although having said that the risk factor has risen to 10 from an 8 given last year, this being mainly due to the chains and seats to the two swing sets being out of spec.

d. **Maintenance carried out to the Play Equipment**

The main recommendation from the report (Ref: 16529) is to replace the chains and seats to the two swing sets, I am now purchasing new parts and will replace as a DIY project to keep the cost down. A big thankyou to Cllr Penny Otton for obtaining the funds to support this project. Other maintenance job have taken place though out the year, such as grass cutting and weeding around the climbing frames, making good some minor damage to wooden sectionsetc.

e. Also in the inspection report is was recommended that the branches of the large Chesnutt tree near the small swing set be trimmed back to form a safer area around the swings As I have the necessary equipment and insurance I made good the tree and cleared the branch and area.

f. So I believe the park remains in good shape and keeps providing a pleasant place and an asset to the village of Drinkstone.

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