

Drinkstone Parish Council

Playing Field

Report to the Annual Parish Meeting (AGM) Dated 13th May 2019

Agenda Item 3.1.1.2 Parish Council Report (Recreation ground)

It's been my Fourth 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 once again, 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 September of last year (Ref: 666464) and is available to view on the village web site. The equipment was deemed safe to use with a "Risk Assessment 12-Moderate Risk" with several maintenance recommendations. These were reviewed and reported to the full council. Although having said that the risk factor has risen to "Moderate" from last year, this being mainly due a number of the wooden steps/treads to the mound slide and large climbing frame being rotten and needing to be replaced. Another reason for this change is the fact that the BS EN 1176 standards for monitoring have changed and the play equipment is now out of spec.

d. Maintenance carried out to the Play Equipment

The main recommendation from the report (Ref: 666464) were to replace the rotten wooden steps/treads to the mound slide and the large climbing frame. Also the safety notice/sign had rotten wooden posts and was falling over. This work has now been carried out and completed. Other maintenance job have taken place though out the year, such as grass cutting and weeding around the climbing framesetc.

e. 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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