

Notes of meeting held at Sandford Play Area - On 25 April 2016

Present: Chairman Mrs S Waller
Cllrs McCreadie and Stephens
Martin Rich (Devon Communities Together)
Mr M Vallance (Parish Clerk)

SANDFORD PLAY AREA

INSURANCE -It was agreed to clarify the position when Parish Councillors acted as “Volunteers” to carry out work including repairs at the Play Area.

It was also pointed out that any Contractors (e.g. Ian Perry) needed to confirm they had the necessary Insurance cover.

ROSPA Report – This was studied in detail.

Concern was expressed that the gate at the Main entrance, under the old bush shelter, was permanently open and was in urgent need of some kind of closing mechanism.

Regular Safety Inspection/ Contractors to undertake repairs - Martin Rich suggested that Sandford contact neighbouring Parishes to establish how they carry out their Playground inspections and who they use to carry out the works needed.

Matters in need of attention :-

The gates at the two front entrances were in need of repair.
It was pointed out that this would be only temporary until the final footprint of the Club Hut was known.

IT WAS ALSO POINTED OUT THAT WHEN THE PLAY AREA GRASS WAS BEING CUT/STRIMMED THE PLAY AREA SHOULD BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED.

RISK ASSESSMENTS NEEDED TO BE CARRIED OUT BEFORE ANY REPAIRS/WORKS WERE CARRIED OUT IN THE PLAY AREA.

Parts of the Boundary wall on Fanny's Lane were in need of re-pointing.

MULTI SPORTS AREA – A suggestion was made to construct a hard surfaced area for basket ball etc .

CREEDY VIEW

A visit then followed to Creedy View to view the proposed new Play Area.

The following matters were highlighted :-

- Top gate in need of a “self closure” device. Also a “please close the gate sign” was needed

- It was agreed that the new Boundary fence against the Parish Hall was shaky and not man enough for the job. It was felt this needed to be drawn to the attention of Summerfield Homes.

IT WAS FELT THE FENCE IN ITS CURRENT CONDITION WOULD NOT MEET CURRENT STANDARDS.

- Top entrance – It was agreed there was still a problem with the level of the muddy slope. It pointed out this would be difficult to use by push chairs, prams, and wheelchairs.

IT WAS FELT THAT ANY INSTALLERS OF PLAY EQUIPMENT WOULD NEED TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE IF IT WAS NOT RESOLVED BEFORE THE NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT WAS INSTALLED.

- Surface of the Play Area – It was agreed that this was unsatisfactory.

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