

Safety Report for Sandon Parish Council Meeting

For 11th July 2018 PC meeting

Agenda Item 10

INSPECTIONS

Roe Green

The Safety Officer continues to undertake monthly inspections of Roe Green play equipment and sports fields, the latest of which were conducted on 7th June and 3rd July 2018. The inspections included a drive/walk through the Village to cover general observations of any PC assets or Village amenities that may require attention or represent a hazard.

The annual RoSPA inspection of the Roe Green play equipment was conducted on 18th May 2018 and the link to the completed 'on-line' report received on 21st June. The report gives an overall risk rating to the play area of 'Medium' which is the same as the previous 2 years.

3 items were identified for maintenance / remedial work as follows;

Soccer Goal Posts: Continued deterioration / rusting noted (ground level de-rusting and repainting was completed earlier this year and was not identified as an area of concern at this inspection) but high level rusting / damage and need for repainting was.

Action: Refer the issue to the Sports Club to decide on removal, repair or replacement.

Toddler 8ft Swing: One cradle seat crutch bar had been damaged and requires replacement (this seat was replaced in 2015).

Action: Safety Officer replaced this with an old but functional seat on 3rd July and will approach the supplier about a possible warranty replacement.

Surfacing beneath play equipment: RoSPA report incorrectly stated that the surface was grass on 3 of the 4 items with a potential fall height exceeding 1.5 m. This was challenged by the safety officer and the inspector's comment is that the honeycomb rubber safety surfacing through which the grass grows has over time sunk into the ground and to restore its effectiveness should now be lifted and re-laid.

Action: Safety Officer to establish the cost of various options for doing this and report back to the council for a decision.

The grass on the cricket field and play area is now under control and is neatly mown, and beneath equipment strimming was done on 3 July. The soccer pitch grass has however outgrown the capability of the Council's fairway mower and the volunteer grass mower is looking for an alternative solution.

The discarded old and broken chairs behind the cricket pavilion have been tidied but remain. 26 items of litter including a beer can were collected on 3rd July.

Latest inspection check sheets No138 & 139 showing full details are available from M Wicksteed.

Roads - All roads in the village remain hazardous from overhanging tree and hedge growth, long grass on the verges, and potholes, some of which have recently been filled.