

REPORT TO KIMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 24 June 2020

PUBLIC SPACES AND PLAYGROUND WORKING PARTY

Zoom meeting on 18 June 2020 with Cllr I Corbett, Cllr J Marsh, Cllr C Procter, Mrs Carina Helmn (Parish Clerk), Mr Bob Finch (KBWP)

1. Playground reports

a. Recreation Ground:

- i. Picnic table loose planks need tightening – KBWP
- ii. Kompan Playhouse fire damaged shelf needs replacing for £165 + VAT. The working party agreed to this.
- iii. Two flat swing seats need replacing for £130 + VAT. The working party agreed to this.
- iv. The weeds need removing from the bark – KBWP
- v. The bark needs topping up and bags of this are available for £52.80 per m².

b. Wren Close Play Area:

- i. There is a broken tree branch hanging in the play area – Contractor to remove.
- ii. Bird droppings to be cleared off the play equipment – KBWP.
- iii. It has been suggested that the tree hedge on the Eastern boundary needs be shortened as they are very tall and 'leggy' and it really should be a hedge.

2. New Benches

- a. The working party have agreed to two new memorial benches being installed in the village; one on the green and

one on the recreation ground. Bob Finch will check the spec of the benches before they are ordered.

<https://www.memorialbenchesuk.co.uk/memorial-benches-engraved-commemorative-wooden-benches/3-seater-teak-memorial-benches/teak-memorial-bench-3-seat-great-maytham>

- b. There are currently 46 benches in the village. The working party are to formulate a list of suggested locations for future new benches. Bob Finch will liaise with Bob Malcolm on suitable locations which are likely to be on public footpath routes, ideally not under trees.

3. Trees

- a. Residents on Church Lane have complained about the tree by the wall dropping sap on cars and blocking light. The working party have agreed that the tree should be pruned with lower level branches taken off.



- b. A resident has complained about trees on The Green becoming overgrown and blocking out light. The working party have acknowledged that too many trees were planting in this location and one is to be felled for the health of the

other trees and to allow more light through. The working party has agreed to plant a minimum of 6 trees to replace this felling.



- c. The Cherry Tree on The Green which isn't looking in the best of health will be pruned back and given another year to see if it improves.



- d. Bob Finch and Jon Marsh will speak to local farmers (Manning, Harding, Cole and Thompson) about suitable places around the village to plant new trees.