

REPORT TO KIMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 27th October 2021

PUBLIC SPACES AND PLAYGROUND WORKING PARTY

Held on 5th October 2021

At Kimpton Memorial Hall

With Cllr J Marsh, Cllr C Procter, Mrs Carina Helmn (Parish Clerk), Mr Bob Finch (KBWP)

THE RECREATION GROUND

- 7 cubic metres of playbark has been delivered to the recreation ground and the BWP are spreading this where required.
- The working party discussed the wooden steps by the dugouts. The BWP are going to replace the wooden sleepers. It was decided that the best course of action would be to cover all steps with artificial grass. The cost of this would be £150.00
- We have received a suggestion from Warren Phillips at The Bowls Club to install a surface at the top of the Recreation Ground under the trees that will protect the ground in wet weather when being used for car parking and provide a surface for petanque. The working party will investigate this further to assess the feasibility.
- The working party discussed the play equipment at the recreation ground. The seesaw continues to be a concern and the working party would ideally like to see this replaced with an alternative piece of equipment. Carly Procter will contact some play equipment providers and look into options.

PARKFIELD RECREATION GROUND

- The grass under the table tennis table has already become worn and muddy. Various options were discussed. Concrete was felt to be out of character with the location. The working party would like to see some safety surfacing put down around it.

TREES

- The trees planted along Claggy Road and Parkfield Drive need weeding. Andrew Morton and The BWP have volunteered to get this done.
- The 420 new trees via Bim Afolami from the Woodland Trust are due to be delivered February/March 2022. Carina is finding out if we can get these any earlier as it's felt this is quite late in the planting season.
- The working party would like to see some specimen trees planted along the new hedgerow on Parkfield Recreation Ground and we are seeking advice on these matters.
- On the 10th November a representative from The Woodland Trust is visiting the village to see how the recently planted trees are doing. We will take this opportunity to ask about the delivery/plating timing and specimen trees varieties and quantities.
- The trees at Peters Green have been planted and we have received excellent feedback from the residents. The BWP are to provide deer prevention netting/fencing around the trunks with the posts kindly donated by a Peters Green resident.
- Funding for the circular bench around the silver birch in the centre of the village green, Peters Green is being secured by Sharon Torres. It will be through Peters Green Village Hall Trust and fundraising by the Bright Star.

- The working party are keen to see the planting of more trees around the parish. We discussed ways of increasing the number of trees being planted and ideas included:
 - Specimen trees being located in the newly planted hedgerows, as mentioned above.
 - New trees being planted in the area between the west of the garages at Wren Close and Commons Lane.
 - Carina is going to speak to Settle about this.
 - Establishing a sinking fund or annual budget for tree planting in the parish.
 - The Parish Council either buying or subsidising the cost of new trees in the parish, with The BWP volunteering to help people plant them in their gardens.

BENCHES

- The location of benches in the parish was discussed by the working party. Jon Marsh and Bob Finch will produce a list of potential bench locations.