

PUBLIC SPACES & PLAYGROUNDS MINUTES

Meeting held on 11th January 2022 at 10am

Kimpton Recreation Ground

In attendance: Carina Helmn, Jon Marsh, Bob Finch, Carly Procter

- Playground Inspection Reports
 - Discussion around safety surfacing and agreed bark is best for the areas.
 - The Working Party are to arrange to meet with the Play Inspector in March.
 - Advice required on whether to carry out a Triax and Resistograph report for the various surfaces (quotation received for £300 per location).
- Locations for planting trees.
 - Formulate a working list of locations.
 - Bob Finch is going to formulate a list of potential planting locations around the village
 - The list will be updated with any locations as and when they are proposed
 - The land around Wren Close which is owned by Settle has been researched and we are awaiting permission. It is looking likely we can plant some trees there.
- Update on planting of trees on Parkfield Recreation Ground
 - The work has commenced and is progressing well.
- A petanque surface at the top of the Recreation Ground has been discussed but is felt this is not an appropriate location as there is already a surface at The Boot.
- An additional 1000 Trees have been received from North Herts. These will primarily be used in Parkfield Recreation Ground.
- Parkfield car park surface – The Parkfield Recreation Ground Car Park is suffering from the SE corner turning to mud and subject to 50mm of water when it rains. This renders the area unsuitable for parking cars. There is a proposal to lay a fill material to increase the height to remove this problem.
 - A quotation has been received for 20 ton of road planings at a cost of £300.
 - The Bench Working Party can distribute these across the area.
- Update on the installation of the new play equipment
 - Delivery and installation is due around February.
- National 7 Trees Planting Scheme
 - It is hoped that the Parish Council will be able to plant these trees along the top of the footpath by the Ron Hyde Gap. Carina is liaising with Andrew Manning for permission. It is proposed that 8 trees be planted: Oak, Ash, Sweet Chestnut and another variety yet to be determined.
- Wickstead Seesaw disposal – still identifying how best to dispose of this.
- Report on the types of exercise equipment we would like to propose for the recreation ground – to be produced once the committee has met with the Proludic representative.
 - Interested members of the Parish Council to be invited.
- MUSA for Parkfield Recreation Ground – to be discussed further once the committee has met with the Proludic representative.
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