

THIRLWALL PARISH COUNCIL

Appendix 1

Play Area Meeting Thursday 23rd August 2018.

Attending: Cllr S Seymour, Cllr B Barwick, Clerk Susan Saunders, Cemetery - M Glenwright and S Glenton.

1) Cleaning of all equipment with industrial steam cleaner.

At the last council meeting clarification was required that the quote received was just for the cleaning. This is the case and so the cemetery staff were instructed to undertake this asap. The clerk will send a job list to the Burial Committee

2) Paint and repair equipment including painting gates a different colour to clearly identify exits.

The gates all have finger entrapment issues as the gaps are not the correct distance. They do not necessarily need to be a different colour if signs are placed on the.

It is proposed:

- a. To contact Graham Treloar and ask him for a site visit to look at the gates and to give a cost for repair.
- b. To order 'Please Keep Shut' signs for the gates with no dogs or bikes on and one more proper notice board similar to the one that is there but with the inclusion of the parish email address. There is one other notice that just requires a no dog sticker to be purchased.

The equipment that needs painting will be assessed after the cleaning has taken place. David Berry can be asked to paint anything that then needs it.

3) Slide Issues.

The landing area at the bottom of the slide is not wide enough and needs raising in height. A handrail should be installed up the right hand side of the steps. A rope one has been suggested. If the ladder goes round to the top of the slide this may help with the standing area. The branches over the slide need cutting back.

It is proposed:

To ask the cemetery staff to quote for the landing area and rope handrail.

To ask local tree surgeons to remove the overhanging branches. (Cllr B Barwick to action)

3) Boulder at zip wire

One boulder is in a very dangerous position if anyone came off the end of the zip wire.

It is proposed:

To ask the cemetery staff to quote for the removal of the boulder.

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4) Zip wire carriage mechanism

The zip wire does require some maintenance. It needs to be dismantled and repaired and then inspected every three months.

It is proposed:

To instruct the cemetery staff to carry out the inspection on a quarterly basis.
To ask Graham Treloar if he can dismantle and repair the zip wire.

5) Swings

The two cradle swings are splitting and should perhaps be replaced. The shackles are all rusty and need replacing.

It is proposed:

To ask the cemetery staff to purchase and replace the shackles.
To ask Kompan for prices for two new seats and co-ordinate that with the new play equipment being installed.

6) Soft rubber surfaces repair edges

On the whole they are not too bad at the moment. However, there is a hole in the wetpour in front of the small climbing frame. The cemetery staff have orange wetpour for Haltwhistle and may be able to utilise some of it after doing Haltwhistle's repairs.

7) Some fencing posts require re-concreting.

Posts around the basket ball area are loose and require fixing.

It is proposed:

To ask the cemetery staff to quote for re-concreting the fence posts.

8) Weeds all around fencing and under tales require cutting /killing

It is proposed:

To ask David Keen or John Dixon to undertake some strimming. (Cllr B Barwick to action).

9) The play inspection that is currently undertaken is by a company that is not RoSPA approved. However, Sean Glenton, has had RoSPA training. Previously volunteer Sue Maughan has very kindly done these checks and we hope she'll continue to do so and in future it is proposed that this is to be in conjunction with Cllr Bev Barwick. The main reason behind this is that it is Rospa advice that inspections are carried out by two people to protect the inspectors.

It is proposed:

To continue with a weekly inspection with volunteer Sue Maughan and Cllr Bev Barwick.

To obtain a quote for a quarterly inspection by the cemetery staff who will undertake any running repairs that arise.

To clarify with the insurance company that the annual inspection is approved by them.

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