

Meeting of Wortwell Playing field and open spaces working party
Friday 21 May 2021 at 7.30pm

Attendees: Allison Copeman, Julie Worley and Charlie White

	Notes	Action points
1.	Terms of Reference have been signed and returned to the Chairman	Ask PC to confirm scope of 'open spaces'. At meeting this was agreed as being the two playing fields and The Knoll
2.	Compile a list of maintenance organisation, local trades people and play equipment suppliers	Create list
3.	Signage needs replacing in many areas and will need to complete a survey and obtain quotes. Suggested that ownership and 'No Dogs' sign could be incorporated into one sign, and the position of some signs could be changed	AC completed photographic survey of signage. Investigate suppliers and bring costings to next meeting
4.	Safety surfacing has been deteriorating behind the large swing and on the hill of the zip wire. Surfacing is slightly raised under the nest swing due to build up of earth.	AC has made enquiry with Action Play & Leisure for replacement surfacing. Quote of £25 per mat obtained and PC agreed to purchase 3.
5.	Action outstanding from RoSPA report 2020. Large goal mouth and area in front needs attention. Some wood on fort has deteriorated and needs replacing with like for like Robinia wood. Agreed it is imperative that play equipment is maintained regularly so it lasts longer, the toddler equipment was installed in 2008 and has been showing wear and tear. There will be some specific equipment that needs purchasing direct from suppliers, such as the toddler swing, replacement cost £325. PC should allocate funds in the budget every year, as guided by the Working Party.	Goal mouth should be temporarily moved to the bypass end of the old field and grass seed laid to allow for recovery. AC to make enquiries regarding replacement wood for the fort – Weybread Woodcraft was suggested. Following recent enquiries, it has been confirmed that Play Safety is part of RoSPA.
6.	Benches – memorial bench and two other metal benches on old field have rusted, and their slats have been noted by RoSPA as a possible entrapment hazard. As PC is currently making enquiries about a bench on The Knoll, replacement benches were considered more cost effective.	AC make enquiries re memorial bench and replacement. Liaise with Parish Clerk as she has recently been making enquiries for benches. It was suggested that a War Memorial bench would be a nice addition on The Knoll
7.	Development of open spaces. PC has been asked to consider future ideas for development of playing fields e.g., garden, adult gym equipment, using the Covid related grant of £10K was received last summer. - It was suggested that a new garden/woodland area be located on the new field, at the Redenhall end, in a 'L' shape, from the new orchard to where the cricket net is. This is a pleasant, secluded area which would enhance this unused space. It was suggested that the cricket net be removed as it is no longer used.	Trees could be obtained through NCC's 1 million trees initiative. CW will ask his neighbour (a horticulturalist) to suggest some suitable trees and shrubs.

<p>- Following a recent e-shot re adult gym equipment, it was proposed that this would be a good idea, and the position most suitable would be on the old field, parallel to Tunbeck Road, between the football pavilion and the compost. The gym equipment is good value and could be used by older children as well.</p> <p>- Football pavilion – the building is sound but the asbestos needs removing and the roof replacing. The pavilion could be used for outside events e.g. car boot sale, fetes, football, parties etc and it was suggested that perhaps the CORE could include it in its hiring of rooms. The pavilion would need to have a kitchenette and unisex WC.</p>	<p>Fresh Air Fitness £4000 for a 3-piece starter set</p> <p>Will need to speak with company to remove all asbestos</p> <p>Will need quotes from builders regarding viability</p>
<p>Meeting closed 9.50pm</p>	