

**MEETING NOTES  
OF  
RINGMER PARISH COUNCIL  
PLAY AREAS RENEWALS AND REPLACEMENT WORKING GROUP  
held on  
Tuesday 30th June 2020  
12.pm  
Via Zoom**

**In attendance Members:** Cllr Booth, Cllr Harper, Cllr May and Cllr Terry

**Also, in attendance:** Corinna Goward- Assistant Clerk

<b>Item No</b>	<b>Meeting Notes</b>
1.	<b>TO APPOINT A CHAIRMAN FOR THE MEETING</b>
1.1	Cllr May was appointed as Chairman for the meeting.
2.	<b>APOLOGIES</b> – To receive apologies for absence
2.1	None.
3.	<b>SITE VISIT UPDATE</b>
3.1	Councillors confirmed their recent visits to the Village Green, Broyle Close and Fingerpost Field play areas on 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2020 had proved constructive and various problems had been identified. Most equipment was in good condition but some items and surfacing would need to be replaced.
4.	<b>RENEWAL AND REPLACEMENTS</b>
4.1	a) To make recommendations to Council any imminent pieces of equipment for replacement and agree a timeframe.
4.2	Items highlighted for prompt consideration were the surfacing on the village green play area and the 2-legged activity trail. A suggested item for replacement of this was a climbing tower or scramble net. Areas currently grassed in the centre could be replaced with play bark or coloured tarmac to integrate the units and remove dangerous areas when wet. Other suggestions to be investigated were purpose-built brick BBQ's, additional picnic benches and steel bins close to the play area and accessible from the path. An enlarged children's picnic bench within the play area could replace the current one. <b>ACTION</b> – Asst Clerk to contact Strutt & Parker regarding consent for BBQ's and climbing frame on village green.
4.3	At Fingerpost Field the replacement of swings was considered a priority, a full inspection of the zip wire and possible increase in the angle at one end. Closing mechanisms on the gates require replacement. Also, if a larger maintenance gate was added, the use of bigger machinery for grass-cutting could be achievable.

4.4. At Broyle Close play area the metal spinner unit should be replaced with a similar rotating unit, as it gets very hot during summer months. Another suggestion was to replace the activity trail with a small climbing frame. Surfacing also needs attention due to ground shrinkage.

4.5 It was agreed for Cllr David Harper to recommend these specific proposals to Council for approval then focus on the longer term project.

4.6 b) To decide the way forward for renewals and agree a timeframe and financial year for expenditure

4.7 It was agreed to source cost estimates from various manufacturers and also email Chris Bibb, LDC for price guides. A comprehensive list of assets is being created. Various assets and infrastructure would then be replaced, depending on condition and necessity over the next 5-10 years. **ACTION- All**

#### 5. **TO AGREE A WAY FORWARD FOR CHOOSING PLAY EQUIPMENT**

5.1 Costs for various equipment and infrastructure to be collated and submitted for approval to Greens & Amenities Committee. Priorities to include surfacing, climbing frames, picnic benches and bbq's.

#### 6. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

6.1 a) To make recommendations to Council  
b) To source funding  
c) Any other Financial Matters

6.2 These items were discussed collectively and it was agreed to defer until costs were known, then applications for CIL bids could be implemented.

#### 7. **RISK MANAGEMENT**

7.1 a) To identify any Financial Risks  
b) To identify any management  
c) To identify any personal risks for users.

7.2 It was agreed to defer these items until costs and decisions on specific equipment had been obtained.

#### 8. **ITEMS FOR REFERRAL TO NEXT AGENDA**

8.1 To discuss options for play equipment, youth shelter for Anchor Field and Finger Post Field

#### 9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

9.1 The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020, 10.00am. Location – to be confirmed

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.50pm.