

SPORT AND PLAY COMMITTEE

Date: Monday 7 September 2020

Title: Operational Report: Progress on improvements and repairs since last meeting

Contact Officer: Operations and Estates Officer – John Hickman

Background

The purpose of this report is to update Members on the progress of improvements and repairs since the last meeting.

Current Situation

Sports

The works team and grounds contractors have changed the Sports Fields layouts from Cricket to football marking pitches, installing 11v11 pitch goal posts, and returning cricket equipment to store. Any cricket equipment requiring repair redecoration will be carry out over the winter including the provision of a summer rope and post barrier for West Witney Cricket Square.

Play Areas

All outdoor play areas are open with restricted numbers and social distancing measures in place.

The outdoor gym at Oxlease still remains close as it is not possible to make this small fenced area Covid safe.

The annual ROSPA play area inspection was carried out on 29th June 20 the works team are working through the list of repair works requested on the ROSPA reports most items noted were Very Low, Low, Medium. There were 3 highs all of which were dealt with immediately, the mediums were all rechecked and are monitored weekly as are the lows.

The works team are currently replacing the top joint on the Proludic Hip Hop at Burwell QE2 Field which had worn out from use and was out of action whilst a new top joint was sourced and fitted.

The works team are now carrying out the weekly play area inspections to ensure the safety of the equipment since Continental Landscapes are no longer able to provide this service for WTC.

The 3 main high use play areas are being checked and disinfected daily.

Leys Toilets

The Leys Recreation Ground Toilets remain closed at the time of writing this report however solutions to the issues with Covid 19 compliance regarding these toilets are being addressed by the Town Clerk and the Operations and Estates Officer – further details of a proposal are contained in her Finance Report at a later agenda item.

Hard Courts

Hard courts at Burwell and King Georges Field are both open under Government Corona Virus Guidance.

SKATE PARK

The Leys Recreation Ground Skate Park is open under Government Corona Virus Guidance.

Environmental impact

Having declared a Climate Change Emergency at its Council meeting on 26 June 2019 – with this in mind Councillors should have due regard to the environmental impact of any decisions they make with regard to its facilities and services it operates.

Risk

In decision making Councillors should give consideration to any risks to the Council and any action it can take to limit or negate its liability.

Strict measures have been implemented in line with government guidance on COVID-19 for re-opening facilities where possible and bringing spaces back into use – Officers continue to monitor the guidance and the situation daily.

Financial implications

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Recommendations

Members are invited to note the report.