

## **SPORT AND PLAY COMMITTEE**

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**Date:** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2020

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

**Contact Officer:** Operations and estates Officer – John Hickman

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### **Background**

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

### **Current Situation**

#### **Play Areas**

Play areas area still open and disinfection routine is continuing to be followed.

#### **Football**

Changing rooms for football remain closed under the current Covid 19 guidance, however toilet facilities within changing rooms are used where available.

Members are aware off the current issues regarding toilet facilities at West Witney Sports Ground.

#### **Bowls Green and Cricket Square Irrigation**

Following complaints, the Operations and Estates Officer has met with Thames Water at the Leys in order to check the mains water supply flow rate and pressure at both the Bowls Green and the Cricket Square. These are both separate supplies from the water main.

Cricket Square water flow was 30-35ltrs per minute and a pressure of 3 bar this should really be more than ample to be able to water the Cricket Square. The Operation and Estates Officer is going to connect a WTC oscillating sprinkler to assess what the issue is regarding the contractors getting sufficient water.

Bowls Green, Thames Water were unable to test the flow and pressure at the bowls green, however tests were carried out at the rear of the Leys Depot which is the previous outlet on the same water main. Pressure here was found to be 2 bar with a flow rate of 20ltrs per minute. Again, this should be sufficient to irrigate using an oscillating sprinkler. However, the bowls green is approx. 80m from the rear of the Leys Depot, the water main is old that runs from the depot to the Bowls Green and may have reduced flow due to calcification. The

Operations and Estates Officer will again connect an oscillating sprinkler at the green to access the issue and then consider how this should be rectified.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Party Events**

No formal requests have been received for any 3<sup>rd</sup> Party events in 2021 at the current time.

### **Henry Box Field pitches.**

On the 9<sup>th</sup> November Henry Box school responded with this information regarding the use of their Pitches close to the Premier Inn

- *There are no static posts; PE tell me there are ones down there but not erected*
- *There are no toilet facilities*
- *There is no parking on the field*

If these pitches were to be used teams would have to use the toilet, changing rooms and parking at the Leys Recreation Ground.

The existing post and sockets that are at the site would need to be looked at for condition prior to use and may need to be replaced if there are any concerns regarding their condition.

Line marking grass cutting and pitch maintenance would also need to be looked at and considered, WTC teams would expect pitch condition to be a similar level to what WTC provide for play.

Discussion with Henry Box school would also need to take place regarding the charges they may make for pitch hire.

### **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.

### **Recommendations**

Member are invited to note the report.