



Fair Oak & Horton Heath Parish Council

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SUMMONS

Dear Member

2 July 2018

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of LEISURE & PROPERTIES COMMITTEE at the Parish Offices, 2 Knowle Park Lane, Fair Oak on **Monday, 9 July 2018 at 7.00 p.m.**

*or at the conclusion of the public participation period.

Melanie Stephens

Melanie Stephens
Clerk

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

*If required, the meeting will be preceded by a public participation period of up to 15 minutes, where members of the public are entitled to address the Committee on issues relevant to the business of the Parish Council.

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

To note any apologies for absence.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

To elect a Chairman of the Committee for the forthcoming municipal year.

3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

To appoint a Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the forthcoming municipal year.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To note any declarations of interest made by members in connection with an agenda item. The nature of the interest must also be specified.

5. MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 2018 (approved by the Full Council on 21 May 2018) as a correct record, and to note any matters arising not dealt elsewhere on this agenda.

6. ALLOTMENT UPDATE

- a) To receive a verbal update from the Parish Ranger and Deputy Clerk on recent inspections at both allotment sites; and
- b) To consider a request from a local resident regarding the use of ear marked cemetery space at Knowle Park – land adjacent the current allotments.

7. CLERK'S UPDATE

To receive a verbal update from the Clerk on the following matters: -

- Roger Smith Cup
- Eastleigh Borough Council – use of Parish land for ‘Your Park’
- Use of Pavilion car park by Wyvern School
- Use of the Woodland Community Centre by Hillier Nurseries - Garden Makeover
- Fair Oak Cemetery

8. PLAY AREA INSPECTIONS (REPORT A, PAGES 3-46)

To consider the recent play area inspections and consider any recommendations arising from the inspection reports.

9. WOODLAND COMMUNITY CENTRE (REPORT B, PAGES 47-50)

To consider the expenditure to date, approve budget request and note progress at the Centre.

10. PROPERTY MATTERS

To consider an update from the Ranger on matters affecting Parish Properties and approve any budget requests.

To: Committee Members

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Cllr J Goss
Cllr Mrs Lusmore
Cllr H McGuinness
Cllr J Noel
Cllr Mrs Shephard
Cllr D Scott
Cllr J Sorley

Officers

Mr C Burchett (Ranger)
Mrs Greenslade (Deputy Clerk)
Ms M Stephens (Clerk)

N. W. Adams
Engineering Design Services

Annual Inspection Report (with maintenance) of Play & Sports facilities at New Century & Knowle Parks, Fair Oak and at the Community Centre, Meadowsweet Way, Horton Heath

for

Fair Oak and Horton Heath Parish Council



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2nd May 2018

The following forms an integral part of the inspection report

1. *The equipment has been assessed, as relevant, in accordance with EN 1176: 2008 "Playground Equipment and Surfacing". The fitness equipment being assessed in accordance with BSEN16630 "Permanently installed outdoor fitness equipment – Safety requirements & test methods" (published on 30th April 2015).*

*Where there is a compliance failure, this is briefly noted and a risk assessment made of the failure. **Where it is believed action is required this is indicated in more detail (in italics) and identified as a medium or high risk** (see paragraph 13). Where no action is indicated, in my opinion there is no practical economic action that can be taken and the risks do not justify removal of the item.*

Low risk items should be monitored and if accidents occur, remedial action will be required (There is no such thing as NO risk). These failures to comply will continue to be monitored and, if necessary, will indicate action on future annual reports.

2. *The inspections cover:*

Site safety

Suitability and conditions of ancillary items

Standard compliance, suitability and condition of equipment

Dimensional compliance, suitability and condition of surfacing

Reports indicate the condition of the play area at the time of inspection. Subsequent events such as weather conditions, usage, or vandalism etc. may affect the condition of the play area (e.g. some surfaces may become slippery when damp). Regular inspections should be undertaken by the operator to monitor the effects of these.

3. *Standard assessment is undertaken where appraisal may be made without dismantling or destruction.*
4. *Inspections are non-dismantling inspections. Where it is felt that removal of parts for assessment is required, this will be indicated. (See paragraph 14). It is not possible to check for internal corrosion/rot without dismantling the equipment.*
5. *Surfacing has been assessed solely in terms of the area covered and its condition or security. Tests for impact absorbency are available at an economic rate if required.*
6. *Where there is open water within easy walking distance of the play area it is recommended that a water safety report be commissioned.*
7. *Where there are trees within falling distance of the play area it is recommended that a report on the integrity of the trees are obtained from a competent arboricultural expert (see www.trees.org.uk for list of qualified consultants)*
8. *Where no protective surface is provided with items which have a fall height in excess of 600mm, the installation of a protective surface should be considered. Such surfacing is not mandatory but does represent good practice. It should be noted that EN1176 & EN1177 allows well maintained grassed topsoil (not impeded by a high proportion of roots/solids/stones/bricks) depending on conducive climatic conditions for fall heights up to 1.0m.*
9. *There shall be an impact attenuating surface over the entire impact area beneath all equipment with a free fall height of more than 600mm and/or equipment causing a forced movement on the body of the user (i.e. swings, slides, rocking, cableways, carousels etc.).*
10. *In addition to inspecting the equipment and surfacing, the inspection also looked at ancillary items and general design features where relevant to safety.*

11. *Wear to shackle pins and bushes on swings is difficult to detect on non-dismantling inspections. Checks are made to identify excessive movement in the 'D' shackle and where dry bearings are obvious. Whilst this action can often identify serious defects it does not preclude the possibility of shackle pin failure in rare circumstances. It is recommended that random inspection by removal of the 'D' shackle and pin is carried out as a regular maintenance feature in the site owner's work programme.*
12. *It should be noted that this is a safety report, not a Standard compliance report, and compliance/non compliance with EN1176 is normally indicated. However where failures may not be mentioned where they are very minor, or of a technical nature, and have no noticeable effect on safety.*
13. *A risk assessment of faults and Standard failures is given in terms of low, medium and high. **As a general principle items marked as "low" only require monitoring.** Items marked as "medium" require appropriate action within resources and individual site assessment. **Items marked as "high" require urgent action.** In rare cases where an item is likely to result in major injury or death, the operator or appropriate representative will be notified from the site by telephone. This will be indicated on the report.*
14. *There can be problems with assessing ground decay where synthetic surface has been installed. Similar problems may occur with sub surface degradation. While every care is taken to check ground decay and corrosion in supports, this cannot be done fully without removal and destruction of the surface.*
15. *Many facilities are manufactured using timber or timber products. Small splinters are known in rare cases to develop to a projection upon contact and cause injury. Such splinters are very difficult to detect. Checks are made to identify such splinters where obvious but does not preclude the possibility of such circumstances occurring.*
16. *In order to provide economic reports, standard wording is used for most common standard/maintenance failures. The inspector also works using previous year's reports (where available). **This may mean that where there have been few changes to the site, the current report may be similar to the previous year's report.***
17. *The Equality Act applies to play areas. There is a duty to, where practical, make reasonable provision for disabled people. EDS can advise.*
18. *The Management of Health and Safety Regulations require a risk assessment of the play area for risks to users. This is a highly specialised subject. Engineering Design Services can undertake such an assessment with the next annual inspection. EDS recommend that such formal risk assessments be undertaken every 4-5 years unless the play area is modified.*
19. *Items shown in Italics are recommended for action.*
20. *Items marked "monitor" should be included for the following inspections as defined in EN1176-1 and appropriate action should be taken when required;*
 - (a) *routine visual inspections*
 - (b) *operational inspections*
21. *Swing surfacing areas are calculated with the seat(s) set at the lowest height recommended by EN1176-2 (i.e. the maximum surfacing requirement).*
22. *Should you have any queries either telephone the number on the front cover, alternatively E-mail EDS on info@engineering-design-services.co.uk.*

New Century Park, Shorts Road, Fair Oak

Date of inspection
2.5.2018.

Fenced play area

General Comments

Limited potential casual supervision from surrounding properties, roads & footpaths.

Ancillary Items

Access

Gravel pathway access off Shorts Road to the play area gate.

Across grass to the park gym equipment, basketball & goal may be a seasonal problem for those with a mobility difficulty.

Fencing

Loose bracket at the top of the 5th high mesh fence post counting from the roundabout (south) play area corner. *Reattach bracket.*

Some signs of decay to the timber play area fencing boards & posts. *Programme for cyclic preservative timber treatment recommended (most child and pet friendly products sold by major DIY stores are suitable).*

Gates (2)

Entrapment at edges of arch pedestrian gate (nearest to the Park).
Adjust gate/post(s)/provide a gate stop (at least 0.7m high and painted white for clarity) to ensure gaps of at least 12mm to both edges throughout the range of the gate movement to eliminate the entrapment (the recommended ground clearance should also be 60 to 110mm). Medium risk

The arch pedestrian gate (nearest to the Park) closure rate (1½ seconds) is too fast (it is not possible to adjust the closure rate of the off set hinges). *Programme to replace with a modern controlled closure rate gate with a target rate of 5 to 8 seconds.* Medium risk

Exposed raised/excessive gradient of grass mat edges within the non-arch gate. *Secure loose mats/adjust by chasing edges into the soil/grass avoiding sharp gradients (maximum of 1:5 recommended).* Low/medium risk

Signs (5)

'No dogs allowed' (2).

'No dogs, bikes, skateboards, balls, loud music, <12 years, Ownership & contact signs (1).

'Sun know how' (1).

'Warning CCTV' (1) faded. *Programme to replace.*

Road 'Playground' warning signs (2). *Trim away foliage from the western sign to reveal.*

Planting

Encroaching shrubs from the scout hut premises. *Trim back to the fence line and maintain as such (photo 1).* Medium risk



photo 1

Seats (2)

Satisfactory.

Litter bins (2)

Satisfactory.

Minimum space

Satisfactory.

Movement clash

'Desire line' exists through the swings. *Barriers recommended to avoid collisions.*
Low/medium risk

Cleanliness and tidiness

Algae/moss on the safer surface particularly near the Horse & Elephant Springys. *Water power washing is recommended but with caution to avoid damage to the material.*

General Surface

Grass.

Satisfactory.

Other Environmental Hazards

Limited casual supervision potential available for the play area.
Monitor for problems.

Signs attached to gates are not recommended as in windy conditions they can adversely alter the closure rate. *Relocate to fence adjacent to gates if possible.*

Equipment and Surfacing

1. 2.33m maximum, 2 bay, 1 cradle seat cantilever swing

EN 1176 Compliance

The item fails to meet the requirements of EN1176 in the following respect:

The distance between the central support & the cradle seat (0.45m) is insufficient. Low risk

General Maintenance/safety comments

Programme for cyclic painting recommended with lead free paint using appropriate precautions.

Excessive sideways movement to shackles suggesting advanced wear. *Remove shackle bolt and check bush and pin, replacing if there are signs of wear.* Medium risk

Dry bearings. *Treat with oil, grease or silicon spray according to supplier's instructions.*

The swing seat is damaged but not requiring immediate replacement.
Monitor and replace when hard material is exposed.

Surfacing

Wet pour.

Surfacing area dimensions

The surfacing meets the requirements of EN1176.

General Maintenance

Burn damage to the safer surfacing. *Repair flush with repair kit.* Low/medium risk

Trip zones at edge of protective surfacing. *Adjust edging/protective surfacing/make up eroded/worn soil/grass flush to edge where necessary to eliminate trip hazard.* Medium risk

Gaps at the edges of the surfacing have opened and/or are uneven. *Edgings/loose surfacing should be levelled & glued down flush on a firm surface and gaps in-filled or sealed.* Medium risk

2. Triangular climbing frame

EN 1176 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of EN1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

General Maintenance/safety comments

Programme for cyclic painting recommended with lead free paint using appropriate precautions.

Surfacing

Wet pour.

Surfacing area dimensions

The surfacing meets the requirements of EN1176.

General Maintenance

Gaps at the edges of the surfacing have opened and/or are uneven. *Edgings/loose surfacing should be levelled & glued down flush on a firm surface and gaps in-filled or sealed.* Low risk

3. Train climbing frame

EN 1176 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of EN1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

General Maintenance/safety comments

Programme for cyclic painting recommended with lead free paint using appropriate precautions.

Surfacing

Wet pour.

Surfacing area dimensions

The surfacing meets the requirements of EN1176.

General Maintenance

Gaps at the edges of the surfacing have opened and/or are uneven. *Edgings/loose surfacing should be levelled & glued down flush on a firm surface and gaps in-filled or sealed.* Low risk

4. 2.43m maximum, 2 bay, 2 flat seat swing (green) (Sutcliffe)

EN 1176 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of EN1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

General Maintenance/safety comments

Untwist chains to extend their life.

Dry bearings. Treat with oil, grease or silicon spray according to supplier's instructions.

Paintwork in poor condition. De-scale and coat with lead free paint using appropriate precautions.

Surfacing

Wet pour.

Surfacing area dimensions

The surfacing meets the requirements of EN1176.

General Maintenance

Trip zones at edge of protective surfacing. Adjust edging/protective surfacing/make up eroded/worn material flush to edge where necessary to eliminate trip hazard. Medium risk

Repair/replace missing/damaged red EPDM wet pour infill edge margins. Medium risk

5. 2.3m maximum, 2 bay, 2 flat seat swing (red) (Wicksteed)

EN 1176 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of EN1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

General Maintenance/safety comments

Untwist chains to extend their life.

Dry bearings. Treat with oil, grease or silicon spray according to supplier's instructions.

Programme for cyclic painting recommended with lead free paint using appropriate precautions.

Surfacing

Wet pour.

Surfacing area dimensions

The surfacing meets the requirements of EN1176.

General Maintenance

Repair/replace missing/damaged red EPDM wet pour infill edge margins. Low/medium risk

6. Roundabout (Wicksteed)

EN 1176 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of EN1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

General Maintenance/safety comments

No remedial maintenance work is required at this time.

Surfacing

Wet pour.

Surfacing area dimensions

The surfacing meets the requirements of EN1176.

General Maintenance

Trip zones at edge of protective surfacing. *Adjust edging/protective surfacing/make up eroded/worn material flush to edge where necessary to eliminate trip hazard.*

Low/medium risk

Repair/replace missing/damaged red EPDM wet pour infill edge margins. Medium risk

7. Large Multi-unit

EN 1176 Compliance

The item fails to meet the requirements of EN1176 in the following respect(s):

Maximum width of platform gap at both sliding poles exceeds 500mm (EN1176 requirement for easily accessible equipment). Low risk

General Maintenance/safety comments

Projecting ($\geq 8\text{mm}$) bolt (1) to tunnel end panel.

Cut off and file down to remove sharp edges. Low/medium risk

Replace missing bolt cup, caps (5) to both tunnel end panel exterior & interiors.

Wash off algae accumulation.

Programme for cyclic painting recommended with lead free paint using appropriate precautions.

Replace missing fixings beneath the boards of the step (1), sliding pole (1) and ramp (2) platforms to secure.

Surfacing

Wet pour.

Surfacing area dimensions

The surfacing meets the requirements of EN1176.

General Maintenance

Trip zones at edge of protective surfacing. Make up eroded/worn soil/grass flush to edge where necessary to eliminate trip hazard. Medium risk

Gaps at the edges of the surfacing have opened and/or are uneven. Edgings/loose surfacing should be levelled & glued down flush on a firm surface and gaps in-filled or sealed. Low/medium risk

8. Double slide

EN 1176 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of EN1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

General Maintenance/safety comments

No remedial maintenance work is required at this time.

Surfacing

Wet pour.

Surfacing area dimensions

The surfacing meets the requirements of EN1176.

General Maintenance

Gaps at the edges of the surfacing have opened and/or are uneven. Edgings/loose surfacing should be levelled & glued down flush on a firm surface and gaps in-filled or sealed. Low/medium risk

Infill shrink gap & splits at base of steps. Low risk

Trip zones at edge of protective surfacing. *Make up eroded/worn soil/grass flush to edge where necessary to eliminate trip hazard.* Medium risk

9. Pony springy (Wicksteed)

EN 1176 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of EN1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

General Maintenance/safety comments

Programme for cyclic painting to worn features recommended with lead free paint using appropriate precautions.

Programme to replace the temporarily repaired spring cover sleeve.

Surfacing

Wet pour.

Surfacing area dimensions

The surfacing meets the requirements of EN1176.

General Maintenance

Gaps at the edges of the surfacing have opened and/or are uneven. *Edgings/loose surfacing should be levelled & glued down flush on a firm surface and gaps in-filled or sealed.* Medium risk

10. Elephant springy (Wicksteed)

EN 1176 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of EN1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

General Maintenance/safety comments

Programme to replace the temporarily repaired spring cover sleeve.

Surfacing

Wet pour.

Surfacing area dimensions

The surfacing meets the requirements of EN1176.

General Maintenance

Gaps at the edges of the surfacing have opened and/or are uneven. *Edgings/loose surfacing should be levelled & glued down flush on a firm surface and gaps in-filled or sealed.* Low risk

Trip zones at edge of protective surfacing. *Make up eroded/worn soil/grass flush to edge where necessary to eliminate trip hazard.* Medium risk

11. Pole spin (Sutcliffe)

EN 1176 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of EN1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

General Maintenance/safety comments

No remedial maintenance work is required at this time.

Surfacing

Wet pour.

Surfacing area dimensions

The surfacing fails to meet the requirements of EN1176 in the following respect(s):

The safer surface fails EN1176 as the hard PCC edging is within the impact area (1.75m).
Low risk

General Maintenance

Seal splits to the edge repair.

Exterior unfenced & unsupervised Sports & Exercise equipment

General Comments

Limited potential casual supervision from surrounding properties, roads & footpaths.

Uncontrolled & unsupervised Exercise equipment

Please note that BSEN16630 "Permanently installed outdoor fitness equipment – Safety requirements & test methods" was published on 30th April 2015. The new Standard allows grab & crushing points (between moving & stationary components and the ground of 60mm minimum) such grab & crushing points continue to cause some severe recorded injuries to persons including fatalities to pets amongst other problems including impacts with some designs of this type of moving equipment where access is uncontrolled & unsupervised.

See the joint API/RPII Statement dated 26th August 2011 (Appendix 2).

Ancillary Items

Access

Gravel pathway access provided adjacent to the exterior equipment.

Across grass to the exercise equipment, basketball & goal may be a seasonal problem for those with a mobility difficulty.

Signs (1)

Outdoor gym equipment use main guidance sign (1).
Decay to the timber. *Treat/repair.*

Seats (7)

- (i) Adjacent to item 10 (Basketball post). Satisfactory.
- (ii) Adjacent to item 13 (Seated Row/Twister) Fair Oak W.I. Centenary seat.
Worn material in the footfall area. *Make up flush to the concrete, if erosion & puddles remain a problem, the provision of slabs or a durable surface to eliminate trip zones is suggested (photo 2).* Medium risk



photo 2

- (iii) Adjacent to item 15 (Inclined Cycle/Hand Cycle).
Worn soil/grass in the footfall area. *Make up flush with topsoil & re-grass in the appropriate season, if erosion & puddles remain a problem, the provision of slabs or a durable surface similar to play equipment grass mats laid on mesh/geotextile material on an even surface, chased into the soil at the edges to avoid sharp gradients (<1:5) & trip zones is suggested.*
- (iv) Adjacent to item 21 (Chest Press/Cross Trainer).
Loose in ground. *Monitor & check at next Annual Inspection re-concreting as necessary.*
Worn soil/grass in the footfall area. *Make up flush with topsoil & re-grass in the appropriate season, if erosion & puddles remain a problem, the provision of slabs or a durable surface similar to play equipment grass mats laid on mesh/geotextile material on an even surface, chased into the soil at the edges to avoid sharp gradients (<1:5) & trip zones is suggested.*
- (v) Adjacent to item 22 (Step Up/Twister) 'Ann Entwistle' seat. Satisfactory.
- (vi) Southern park boundary furthest from the play area (west).
Grass overgrowth and/or uneven grass mats in the footfall area indicating there is inadequate support (mesh/underlay) provided to resist settlement into soft soil while promoting grass growth. Medium risk
- (vii) Southern park boundary nearest to from the play area (east).
Worn material in the footfall area. *Make up eroded soil/grass flush, if erosion & puddles remain a problem, the provision of slabs or other durable surface to eliminate trip zones is suggested.* Medium risk

Litter bins (7)

- (i) Adjacent to item 10 (Basketball post). Slightly loose in ground.
Monitor & check at next Annual Inspection.
- (ii) Adjacent to item 13 (Seated Row/Twister). Satisfactory.
- (iii) Adjacent to item 15 (Inclined Cycle/Hand Cycle). Satisfactory.
- (iv) Adjacent to item 21 (Chest Press/Cross Trainer). Satisfactory.
- (v) Adjacent to item 22 (Step Up/Twister). Satisfactory.
- (vi) Southern park boundary furthest from the play area (west). Satisfactory.
- (vii) Southern park boundary nearest to from the play area (east). Satisfactory.

Outdoor exercise equipment safer surfacing

For each item, there is substantial grass overgrowth to the grass mats and an accurate assessment of the extent of protection provided is not possible. Low risk

Equipment and Surfacing (counting anti-clockwise from the play area)

12. Basketball post

EN15312 Compliance

The item fails to meet the requirements of BSEN 15312 in the following respect where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

A warning notice should be displayed on the backboard “Do not hang from the ring” as required by BSEN15312.

General Maintenance/safety comments

Replace missing net.

Playing surface

Bitmac.

General Maintenance

Satisfactory.

13. Ski Trainer/Air Walker (Ludus)

BSEN16630 Compliance

The item fails to meet the requirements of BSEN16630 in the following respect(s):

There is no protection provided for any of the hard plastic footplates (3) either at the leading edges or at 75% of the sides. Medium risk

The maximum angle of the Ski arms exceed 55° and there is a resulting crushing hazard at the frame handle bar contact points. *See ‘General Maintenance/safety comments’ below.*

General Maintenance/safety comments

The internal Ski Trainer arm buffers are likely to be worn. *Replace.* Medium/high risk

Surfacing

Grass mats.

Surfacing area dimensions

The surfacing meets the requirements of BSEN16630.

General Maintenance

Grass overgrowth and/or uneven grass mats indicating there is inadequate support (mesh/underlay) to resist settlement into soft soil while promoting grass growth. Medium risk

14. Goal (Miracle)

EN15312 Compliance

The item fails to meet the requirements of BSEN 15312 in the following respect where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

Warning notices should be displayed on the backboard “Do not climb on the framework” as required by BSEN15312.

General Maintenance/safety comments

Paintwork in poor condition with a risk of flaking powder coating & loose rust entering eyes. *De-scale and coat with lead free paint using appropriate precautions.* Medium/high risk

Playing surface

Nottsport carpet.

General Maintenance

Trip zones at the edge with a settled playing surface within the timber Nottsport edgings leaving the edgings proud. *Consider lifting the edges of the Nottsport and either adjusting the level of the edgings flush to the playing surface and abutting soil/grass, maintaining as such, or removing the edgings completely & chasing the carpet edges into the soil/grass avoiding sharp gradients (maximum of 1:5 recommended) (photo 3).* Medium/high risk



photo 3

15. Seated Row/Twister (Ludus)

BSEN16630 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of BSEN16630 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

General Maintenance/safety comments

No remedial maintenance work is required at this time.

Surfacing

Grass mats.

Surfacing area dimensions

The surfacing meets the requirements of BSEN16630.

General Maintenance

Grass overgrowth and/or uneven grass mats indicating there is inadequate support (mesh/underlay) to resist settlement into soft soil while promoting grass growth. Low risk

16. Shoulder Press/Leg Raise (Ludus)

BSEN16630 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of BSEN16630 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

General Maintenance/safety comments

No remedial maintenance work is required at this time.

Surfacing

Grass mats.

Surfacing area dimensions

The surfacing meets the requirements of BSEN16630.

General Maintenance

Grass overgrowth and/or uneven grass mats indicating there is inadequate support (mesh/underlay) to resist settlement into soft soil while promoting grass growth. Low risk

17. Inclined Cycle/Hand Cycle (Ludus)

BSEN16630 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of BSEN16630 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

General Maintenance/safety comments

Replace missing post cap (1) to resist water penetration/potential internal corrosion.

Tighten home existing post cap (1) to resist water penetration/potential internal corrosion.

Surfacing

Grass mats.

Surfacing area dimensions

The surfacing meets the requirements of BSEN16630.

General Maintenance

Grass overgrowth and/or uneven grass mats indicating there is inadequate support (mesh/underlay) to resist settlement into soft soil while promoting grass growth. Low risk

18. Dip Bars/Leg Raise (Ludus)

BSEN16630 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of BSEN16630 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

General Maintenance/safety comments

No remedial maintenance work is required at this time.

Surfacing

Grass mats.

Surfacing area dimensions

The surfacing meets the requirements of BSEN16630.

General Maintenance

Grass overgrowth and/or uneven grass mats indicating there is inadequate support (mesh/underlay) to resist settlement into soft soil while promoting grass growth. Low risk

19. Ski Trainer/Step Up (Ludus)

BSEN16630 Compliance

The item fails to meet the requirements of BSEN16630 in the following respect(s):

There is no protection of the hard plastic footplate either at the leading edges or at 75% of the sides. Medium risk

The maximum angle of the ski arms exceed 55°.
See 'General Maintenance/safety comments' below.

General Maintenance/safety comments

The internal ski arm buffers are likely to be worn. *Programme to replace.*

Replace missing short post cap (1) to resist water penetration/potential internal corrosion.

Surfacing

Grass mats.

Surfacing area dimensions

The surfacing meets the requirements of BSEN16630.

General Maintenance

Grass overgrowth and/or uneven grass mats indicating there is inadequate support (mesh/underlay) to resist settlement into soft soil while promoting grass growth. Low risk

20. Lat Pull Down/Sit Up Bench (Ludus)

BSEN16630 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of BSEN16630 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

General Maintenance/safety comments

Replace missing post cap (1) to resist water penetration/potential internal corrosion.

Surfacing

Grass mats.

Surfacing area dimensions

The surfacing meets the requirements of BSEN16630.

General Maintenance

Grass overgrowth and/or uneven grass mats indicating there is inadequate support (mesh/underlay) to resist settlement into soft soil while promoting grass growth. Low risk

21. Chin Bars (Play & Leisure)

EN1176 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of EN1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

General Maintenance/safety comments

No remedial maintenance work is required at this time.

Surfacing

Grass.

Surfacing area dimensions

A protective surface is recommended for this item and should be programmed into future development. Low risk

General Maintenance

Worn soil/grass in the footfall area. Make up flush with topsoil & re-grass in the appropriate season, if erosion & puddles remain a problem, the provision of a durable surface similar to play equipment grass mats laid on mesh/geotextile material on an even surface, chased into the soil at the edges to avoid sharp gradients (<1:5) & trip zones is suggested.

22. Hand Cycle/Dip Bars (Ludus)

BSEN16630 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of BSEN16630 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

General Maintenance/safety comments

No remedial maintenance work is required at this time.

Surfacing

Grass mats.

Surfacing area dimensions

The surfacing meets the requirements of BSEN16630.

General Maintenance

Grass overgrowth and/or uneven grass mats indicating there is inadequate support (mesh/underlay) to resist settlement into soft soil while promoting grass growth. Low risk

23. Chest Press/Cross Trainer (Ludus)

BSEN16630 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of BSEN16630 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

General Maintenance/safety comments

Replace missing post caps (2) to resist water penetration/potential internal corrosion.

Surfacing

Grass mats.

Surfacing area dimensions

The surfacing meets the requirements of BSEN16630.

General Maintenance

The surfacing is in satisfactory condition and no work is required at this time.

24. Step Up/Twister (Ludus)

BSEN16630 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of BSEN16630 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

General Maintenance/safety comments

Tighten home existing post cap (1) to resist water penetration/potential internal corrosion.

Surfacing

Grass mats.

Surfacing area dimensions

The surfacing meets the requirements of BSEN16630.

General Maintenance

The surfacing is in satisfactory condition and no work is required at this time.

Knowle Park off Knowle Park Lane, Fair Oak

Date of inspection
2.5.2018.

General Comments

Some limited potential casual supervision from surrounding properties & footpaths.

Ancillary Items

Access

Gravel pathway access to the skate ramps & play area from the car park.

Across grass to the MUGA may be a seasonal problem for those with a mobility difficulty.

Fencing

Note distorted infill bars may allow small dogs etc. to enter the fenced play area. *Straighten.*

Gates (3)

Maintenance gate padlocked closed.

Worn soil/grass/hollows and poor drainage in the gate footfall area. *Make up flush with topsoil & re-grass in the appropriate season, if erosion & puddles remain a problem, the provision of slabs or a durable surface similar to play equipment grass mats laid on mesh/geotextile material on an even surface, chased into the soil at the edges to avoid sharp gradients (<1:5) & trip zones is suggested.*

Exposed/raised pedestrian gate link bar in the gate nearest to the car park. *Replace eroded material with a more durable material flush to eliminate the trip zone.* Medium risk

Signs (5)

Skate users sign attached to the litter bin behind the shelter faded/unclear (photo 4).



photo 4

Signage displayed in a prominent position for approaches strongly recommended for the skate ramp area (see example fig.1 below).

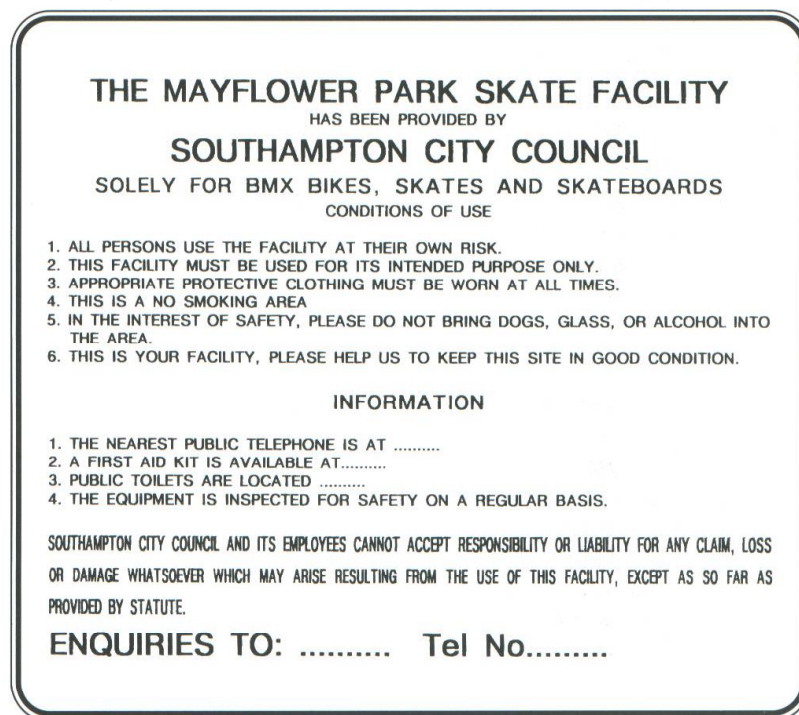


figure 1

'No dogs allowed' (2).

'Lets go play' (2).

'No dogs' (2)

'Sun know how' (1).

'Welcome to Knowle Park' (1).

Ownership & contact signs recommended aside the play area pedestrian gates.

Seats (2)

Within play area. Satisfactory.

Picnic tables (2)

Tables outside the play area fencing. Satisfactory.

Litter bins (2)

Within the play area (2). Satisfactory.

Minimum space

Satisfactory.

Movement clash

Satisfactory.

Cleanliness and tidiness

Some scattered litter in the vicinity of the play area litter bins. *Collect.*

General Surface

Grass.

Satisfactory.

Other Environmental Hazards

Limited casual supervision potential available for the play area.

Monitor for problems.

Poor drainage to the play area at the time of inspection. *Improve if possible.*

Equipment and Surfacing

1. Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) (Miracle)

EN15312 Compliance

The item fails to meet the requirements of BSEN15312 in the following respect where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

Warning notices should be displayed on the backboard “Do not hang from the ring” and “Do not climb on the framework” as required by BSEN15312.

General Maintenance/safety comments

Tighten top left & right fixings to lower central rear panels to goal nearest the play area.

Playing surface

Grass.

General Maintenance

Poor drainage in the goal furthest from the play area (south). *Improve if possible.*

Soil/grass erosion in goal mouths. *Infill flush with topsoil & grass.*

Fenced play area

2. Spinning bowl (Miracle)

EN 1176 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of EN1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

General Maintenance/safety comments

No remedial maintenance work is required at this time.

Surfacing

Grass mats.

Surfacing area dimensions

There is substantial grass overgrowth to the grass mats and an accurate assessment of the extent of protection provided is not possible. Low risk

General Maintenance

Grass overgrowth and/or uneven grass mats indicating inadequate support (mesh/underlay) provided to resist settlement into soft soil while promoting grass growth. Medium risk

3. 2.54m maximum, 1 bay, 'nest' seat swing (Miracle)

EN 1176 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of EN1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

General Maintenance/safety comments

Remove sleeves and examine the chains & fittings beneath for hidden wear within 1 year.

The shackle pins should be fitted with a mechanical means to prevent loosening.

Entrapments within the cabled webbing of the 'nest' seat. Low risk

Surfacing

Grass mats.

Surfacing area dimensions

There is substantial grass overgrowth to the grass mats and an accurate assessment of the extent of protection provided is not possible. Low risk

General Maintenance

Loose grass mats. *Level up flush/gather in abutting grass mats & replace missing/secure with nylon ties at 150mm maximum centres, rotated to mask sharp tails/buckles.*

Medium risk

Grass overgrowth and/or uneven grass mats indicating inadequate support (mesh/underlay) provided to resist settlement into soft soil while promoting grass growth. Low/medium risk

4. Nexus Freeride (SMP/Hags)

EN 1176 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of EN1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

The SMP product information includes compliance with EN1176 and it is understood that this includes the impact absorbency required for swing seats.

General Maintenance/safety comments

The seat may need to be movement restricted by a short slack chain connected to the ground to avoid use as a conventional swing. *Monitor for problems/refer to Supplier.*

Untwist chains to extend their life.

The shackle pins should be fitted with a mechanical means to prevent loosening.

Surfacing

Grass mats.

Surfacing area dimensions

There is substantial grass overgrowth to the grass mats and an accurate assessment of the extent of protection provided is not possible. Low risk

General Maintenance

Grass overgrowth and/or uneven grass mats indicating there is inadequate support (mesh/underlay) provided to resist settlement into soft soil while promoting grass growth. Low risk

5. Overhead Twister (Miracle)

EN 1176 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of EN1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

General Maintenance/safety comments

Programme for cyclic painting recommended with lead free paint using appropriate precautions.

Surfacing

Grass mats.

Surfacing area dimensions

There is substantial grass overgrowth to the grass mats and an accurate assessment of the extent of protection provided is not possible. Low risk

General Maintenance

Grass overgrowth and/or uneven grass mats indicating inadequate support (mesh/underlay) provided to resist settlement into soft soil while promoting grass growth. Low risk

6. Multi-unit (Miracle)

EN 1176 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of EN1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

General Maintenance/safety comments

There is concern by accidents on some types of overhead bars. There is, however, a strong development value in these items. *If possible, on angled or 'S' shaped bars, consideration should be given to level bars with firm grips & even spacings. The protective surface under all bars must be kept in good condition.* Medium/high risk

It is recommended the offset of each of the 1st overhead grip bars (230mm) should be 350mm vertically from the hard access components in the falling space below to reduce the risk of head impacts in a fall. Medium risk

Surfacing

Grass mats.

Surfacing area dimensions

There is substantial grass overgrowth to the grass mats and an accurate assessment of the extent of protection provided is not possible. Medium risk

General Maintenance

Grass overgrowth and/or uneven grass mats indicating inadequate support (mesh/underlay) provided to resist settlement into soft soil while promoting grass growth. Medium risk

Settled/clogged grass mats can impede the fall height protection. Low/medium risk

7. Cableway

EN1176 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of EN1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

General Maintenance/safety comments

Note that pulleys and a brake mechanism (which has limited effectiveness) are fitted inside the traveller which should be opened to check for hidden wear/weld fractures within 3 months replacing worn components as found necessary.

Check both upper & lower chain link connections for hidden wear annually replacing worn components as found necessary.

The supports are within (1.7m) the impact area/falling space (EN1176-4:4.14). *Adjust rear cable stop position so when the stop spring/tyre buffer is fully compressed and the seat is advanced at 45° in line with the cable it is a minimum of 2.0m from the end of the safer surfacing and the stanchions/in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions within 1 year.*

Surfacing

Grass mats.

Surfacing area dimensions

There is substantial grass overgrowth to the grass mats and an accurate assessment of the extent of protection provided is not possible. Low risk

General Maintenance

Grass overgrowth and/or uneven grass mats indicating inadequate support (mesh/underlay) provided to resist settlement into soft soil while promoting grass growth. Low/medium risk

Level up flush/gather in abutting grass mats & replace missing/secure with nylon ties at 150mm maximum centres, rotated to mask sharp tails/buckles.

Skateramps

Ancillary Items

Emergency access

Limited direct access to the skate ramp area for ambulances available.

Pathways

Gravel pathway from the car park provided.

Fencing

Full enclosing fence strongly recommended to deter younger children from entering the area & enable closure during maintenance etc.

Sign (1)

See 'Signs' comments above.

Litter bin (1)

Behind the skate ramp shelter (1). Satisfactory.

Skateramp shelter

Satisfactory.

Cleanliness and tidiness

Some scattered litter in the vicinity of the skateramp shelter & litter bin. *Collect.*

General surface

Repair uneven concrete/bitmac skate riding surface flush (photo 5). Medium risk



photo 5

Equipment and Surfacing

8. Half Pipe (Evolution)

BSEN 14974 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of BSEN 14974 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

General Maintenance/safety comments

Damage/wear to the ramp surface. *Repair flush prior to the school summer holidays recommended (photo 6).*



photo 6

Surface

Bitmac.

9. 0.45m grind rail (Evolution)

BSEN 14974 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of BSEN 14974 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

General Maintenance/safety comments

Support movement in ground. *Monitor & check at next Annual Inspection, re-concreting if further loosening occurs.*

Surface

See 'General surface' above.

10. Combination Fun Box/pipes/flat banks (Evolution)

BSEN 14974 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of BSEN 14974 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

General Maintenance/safety comments

Tighten loose & replace missing ramp surface fixings particularly to the table corner prior to the school summer holidays.

Split/raised/damage/wear to ramp surfaces particularly at the lower edges abutting the metal foot plate. *Repair flush prior to the school summer holidays recommended.*

11. Half/Quarter Pipe combination (Evolution)

BSEN 14974 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of BSEN 14974 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

General Maintenance/safety comments

Split/raised/damage/wear to ramp surfaces particularly at the lower edges abutting the metal foot plate. *Repair flush prior to the school summer holidays recommended.*

12. Grind kerb (Evolution)

BSEN 14974 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of BSEN 14974 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

General Maintenance/safety comments

No remedial maintenance work is required at this time.

13. Small double bank (Evolution)

BSEN 14974 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of BSEN 14974 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

General Maintenance/safety comments

No remedial maintenance work is required at this time.

Meadowsweet Way, Horton Heath

Date of inspection
2.5.2018.

General Comments

Very limited casual supervision potential from surrounding properties & footpaths.

Ancillary Items

Access

Access to the play area by footpaths.

Swing barrier (1)

Satisfactory.

Fencing

Satisfactory.

Gates (2)

Entrapment at closing edge of the grey pedestrian gate.

Adjust gate/post(s) to ensure gaps of at least 12mm to both edges throughout the range of the gate movement to eliminate the entrapment (the recommended ground clearance should also be 60 to 110mm). Low/medium risk

The grey pedestrian gate closure rate is too fast (3¹/₂ seconds). *Adjust down to a target rate of 5 to 8 seconds.* Low/medium risk

The green gate closure rate is too fast (2¹/₂ seconds). *Adjust down to a target rate of 5 to 8 seconds.* Medium risk

Signs (7)

'No dogs allowed' (2).

'No dogs, bikes, skateboards, balls, loud music, <12 years, Ownership & contact signs (2).

'Sun know how' (2).

'CCTV' (1).

Benches (2)

Satisfactory.

Litter bins (3)

Satisfactory.

Minimum space

Satisfactory.

Movement clash

'Desire line' exists through the green swings. *Barriers recommended to avoid collisions.*
Medium risk

Toadstools (2) & Stepping block (1)

Satisfactory.

Grass overgrowth and/or uneven grass mats indicating inadequate support (mesh/underlay) provided to resist settlement into soft soil while promoting grass growth. Medium risk

Push down fully raised plastic pegs into the recesses/remove when grass growth has established sufficiently to anchor the grass mats in accordance with the Supplier's guidance (pegs also project as mats settle).

Abacus & Nought & Crosses game panels (2)

Satisfactory.

Grass overgrowth and/or uneven grass mats indicating inadequate support (mesh/underlay) provided to resist settlement into soft soil while promoting grass growth. Low risk

Push down fully raised plastic pegs into the recesses/remove when grass growth has established sufficiently to anchor the grass mats in accordance with the Supplier's guidance (pegs also project as mats settle).

Cleanliness and tidiness

Satisfactory.

General Surface

Grass.

Other Environmental Hazards

Limited casual supervision potential available for the play area.
Monitor for problems.

Equipment and Surfacing

1. Gullwing see saw (Record)

EN 1176 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of EN1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

General Maintenance/safety comments

No remedial maintenance work is required at this time.

Surfacing

Wet pour.

Surfacing area dimensions

The surfacing meets the requirements of EN1176.

General Maintenance

Gaps at the edges of the surfacing have opened and/or are uneven. *Edgings/loose surfacing should be levelled & glued down flush on a firm surface and gaps in-filled or sealed.* Low/medium risk

Trip zones at edge of protective surfacing. *Make up eroded/worn soil/grass flush to edge where necessary to eliminate trip hazard.* Low/medium risk

2. 2.28m maximum, 2 bay, 2 flat seat swing (SMP)

EN 1176 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of EN1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

General Maintenance/safety comments

Programme for cyclic painting recommended with lead free paint using appropriate precautions.

Excessive sideways movement to shackles suggesting advanced wear. *Remove shackle bolt and check bush and pin, replacing if there are signs of wear.*

Dry bearings. *Treat with oil, grease or silicon spray according to supplier's instructions.*

Surfacing

Wet pour.

Surfacing area dimensions

The surfacing fails to meet the requirements of EN1176 in the following respect(s):

Insufficient safer surfacing provided (should be 3.39m minimum either side of cross bar centre and normally 0.875m minimum either side of the seat travel centre line). Low risk

General Maintenance

Splits at the edges of the surfacing have opened and/or are uneven. *Edges/loose surfacing should be levelled & glued down flush on a firm surface and gaps in-filled or sealed.*
Low risk

Trip zones at edge of protective surfacing. *Make up eroded/worn soil/grass flush to edge where necessary to eliminate trip hazard.* Medium risk

3. Balance beam (1) and stepping blocks (4) (SMP)

EN 1176 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of EN1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

General Maintenance/safety comments

No remedial maintenance work is required at this time.

Surfacing

Grass mats.

Surfacing area dimensions

The surfacing meets the requirements of EN1176.

General Maintenance

Grass overgrowth and/or uneven grass mats indicating inadequate support (mesh/underlay) provided to resist settlement into soft soil while promoting grass growth. Low risk

4. Small slide (Record)

EN 1176 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of EN1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

General Maintenance/safety comments

Smooth/worn ramp rungs. *Reverse/apply a texture (e.g. Cuprinol anti-slip decking stain).*

Surfacing

Wet pour.

Surfacing area dimensions

The surfacing meets the requirements of EN1176.

General Maintenance

Settled/uneven wet pour. Low risk

Gaps at the edges of the surfacing have opened and/or are uneven. *Edgings/loose surfacing should be levelled & glued down flush on a firm surface and gaps in-filled or sealed.* Low risk

Trip zones at edge of protective surfacing. *Make up eroded/worn soil/grass flush to edge where necessary to eliminate trip hazard.* Medium risk

5. Butterfly Springy (Playdale)

EN 1176 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of EN1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

General Maintenance/safety comments

No remedial maintenance work is required at this time.

Surfacing

Wet pour.

Surfacing area dimensions

The surfacing meets the requirements of EN1176.

General Maintenance

Trip zones at edge of protective surfacing. *Make up eroded/worn soil/grass flush to edge where necessary to eliminate trip hazard.* Medium risk

6. Small Rotator (SMP)

EN 1176 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of EN1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

General Maintenance/safety comments

Paintwork in poor condition. *De-scale and coat with lead free paint using appropriate precautions.*

Surfacing

Wet pour.

Surfacing area dimensions

The surfacing meets the requirements of EN1176.

General Maintenance

Trip zones at edge of protective surfacing. *Make up eroded/worn soil/grass flush to edge where necessary to eliminate trip hazard.* Medium risk

7. Multi play unit (Record)

EN 1176 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of EN1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

General Maintenance/safety comments

There is concern by accidents on some types of overhead bars. There is, however, a strong development value in these items. *If possible, on angled or 'S' shaped bars, consideration should be given to level bars with firm grips & even spacings. The protective surface under all bars must be kept in good condition.* Medium/high risk

Replace missing/broken fixing countersink caps to ramp rungs (5).

Surfacing

Wet pour.

Surfacing area dimensions

The surfacing meets the requirements of EN1176.

General Maintenance

Settled/uneven wet pour. Low risk

Trip zones at edge of protective surfacing. *Make up eroded/worn soil/grass flush to edge where necessary to eliminate trip hazard.* Medium risk

8. 1.8m maximum, 1 bay, 2 cradle seat swing (Record)

EN 1176 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of EN1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

General Maintenance/safety comments

Programme for cyclic painting recommended with lead free paint using appropriate precautions.

No shackle bushes fitted. Replace missing bushes (replacing shackle and pin if there are signs of wear) to avoid wear to the cross bar housings (4) that would requiring a replacement cross bar prior to the school summer holidays.

Surfacing

Wet pour.

Surfacing area dimensions

The surfacing meets the requirements of EN1176.

General Maintenance

Gaps at the edges of the surfacing have opened and/or are uneven. *Edgings/loose surfacing should be levelled & glued down flush on a firm surface and gaps in-filled or sealed.* Low/medium risk

Trip zones at edge of protective surfacing. *Make up eroded/worn soil/grass flush to edge where necessary to eliminate trip hazard.* Medium risk

Appendix 1



STATEMENT ON GRASS PROTECTION MATS AS IMPACT ABSORBING SURFACES IN CHILDRENS PLAYGROUNDS. MAY 2005

At the General Meeting of the API held on Thursday 14th April 2005 reservation was expressed on the claimed performance of some grass protection mats being imported into the UK and being sold and installed as impact absorbing surfaces for playgrounds.

Independent expert organisations including National Play Fields Association, The Play Inspection Company and the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents have also indicated that this is an area of concern particularly the use of this product in inappropriate ground conditions.

The API has referred the matter to the British Standards Institution and requested that suitable test methods be established for this type of product. The main areas of concern are as follows:

1. Fall heights in excess of 3m are claimed by some importers and distributors of such products. These mats rely heavily on suitable soil conditions and grass root systems to achieve fall heights substantially above 1m. Soil conditions and grass growth can vary from site to site and varying weather conditions experienced throughout the year can affect the products performance.

It is important that the purchaser is aware of the need for suitable existing grass growth or soil conditions to promote the continued presence of grass growth if specifying this type of product, and that they obtain information on the products fall height should this grass growth fail and the soil becomes hard and compacted. This would be particularly important when installing in combination with heavy or clay soil types.

2. There was evidence that some of the products supported combustion to an unacceptable degree. It is apparent that different products exhibited higher flammability than others.
3. There may be issues of long term durability regarding these products as regards UV degradation and other decomposition. Purchasers are strongly advised to check with their suppliers on the guarantees for such products.

We believe that purchasers and specifiers of the product should ensure with the supplier that the performance characteristics of the produce are suitable for their specific application(s).

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Outdoor Adult Fitness Equipment

The installation of fitness equipment has accelerated over the past few years with many providers sourcing a range of equipment from a number of suppliers around the UK and Europe as well as further afield.

There have been a number of initiatives to try to implement a standard for this type of equipment including the French XP S 52-904, some work on PAS888 and a draft German Standard. Work has started on a European Standard but realistically it will be a minimum of two or three years before anything is likely to be published. The German test authority TÜV has had a test protocol in place since 2007, which they have used to certify products of this type throughout Europe since that time.

One of the biggest debates around Outdoor Adult Fitness Equipment has been its proximity to children's play spaces and its suitability for such areas. The reality is that this type of equipment cannot meet with the requirements for play (BS EN 1176) as the scope of this standard relates specifically to play items intended for use by children. These would generally be viewed as users up to the age of 14 years. Nor can it meet the requirements of EN 957 as this standard relates specifically to Stationary Fitness Equipment intended for use in supervised Gymsnasiums. These products are not intended for 'Play' as they are designed for particular exercise types. The scale and configuration of the products target an adult user, rather than children. Furthermore it is proven with anthropological data that excessive use of this type of equipment can cause severe joint problems in children, particularly when using apparatus that is not intended or proportioned for their use.

Some of the equipment items have pinch or crush points where the movement is restricted by the use of buffers and some items have extreme movement that presents a risk to younger or less competent users that may be passing by or by use of the equipment itself as it is not designed for their age group.

The RPII & API have concerns that some equipment is being installed either in or directly adjacent to children's play spaces and there is majority agreement that some common advice is required for all suppliers and providers in this area.



A recent accident in the UK where a 6 year old child suffered a severed finger has highlighted the need to act swiftly in offering a more standardised approach to this subject. There are also reports of injuries from abroad where this type of equipment is in use.

The most common agreed position is that this type of equipment should not, under any circumstances, be installed inside an area that is dedicated to play for children under the age of 12 years or for less competent children; locating the equipment alongside areas specifically designed for teenagers or areas dedicated to adult fitness is appropriate. If there is a need to site the equipment adjacent to a children's play area then a minimum separation of 25 metres should be maintained, or segregation by some other means to provide a clear separation. If possible additional screening should be considered to reduce the inducement to children.

Routes leading to children's play areas should also be avoided to remove the temptation for children on a visit to a play area treating the equipment as an item of play equipment.

Areas identified for fitness should be clearly marked as not suitable for children's play and all items should be clearly and permanently marked with instructions on how each item should be used.

Outdoor Adult Fitness Equipment offers many benefits to the local communities in which it is installed and we should not lose sight of the potential good that these items can offer; but at the same time we have a responsibility to ensure that all reasonable and practicable measures are implemented to protect children and other less able users.

The RPII & API support the methodology outlined above and would actively encourage all members to adhere to and promote this approach.

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10th May 2018

Re: PO Order No.3524 dated 9th April 2018

Invoice No.1831: Fair Oak & Horton Heath P.C. Annual Play & Sports facility Inspections 2018

For carrying out the above Inspections of the following facilities on 2nd May 2018;

1.	<u>Sites 3 @ £36.00/site</u>	=	£ 108.00
2.	<u>Century Park, Shorts Road</u>		
	Play & Sports equipment (24 items) @ £5.25/item	=	£ 126.00
3.	<u>Knowle Park</u>		
	Play & Sports equipment (13 items) @ £5.25/item	=	£ 68.25
4.	<u>Meadowsweet Way</u>		
	Play equipment (8 items) @ £5.25/item	=	£ 42.00
	sub total	=	£ 344.25
	plus V.A.T. @ 20%	=	£ 68.85
	<u>Total Due</u>	=	<u>£ 413.10</u>

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LEISURE & PROPERTIES COMMITTEE – 9 JULY 2018

WOODLAND COMMUNITY CENTRE – PROGRESS REPORT

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To update members on the progress of the opening of the Woodland Community Centre for public hire.
- 1.2 To seek member approval for awarding a cleaning contract for the Community Centre.
- 1.3 To seek member approval for modifying the Council's website and securing necessary facilities/modifications to allow potential hirers to pay online or through a portable card terminal (as detailed in 3.2 below).

2. PROGRESS TO DATE

- 2.1 Since the last Committee meeting Officers have sourced and fitted the following: -
 - Tables, chairs and trolleys servicing both halls
 - CCTV & broadband
 - Sofa & chairs for the consulting room
 - Oven, fridge, commercial dishwasher, hot water boiler, microwave,
 - Fence, knee rail, gate to car park
 - Fence to rainbows preschool
 - Statutory health & safety and fire signage
 - Notice and leaflet boards
 - Terms & conditions & welcome pack for hirers as well as a bookings form
- 2.2 As both uniform groups have now supplied the Council with their dates for hire, the Bookings Administrator can now work out a schedule and confirm booking dates with interested parties on the waiting list.
- 2.3 There are some ad-hoc bookings for birthday parties (5 in total) for July. The Clerk will provide feedback on two of the bookings after (7/8 July). The Centre appears to be in high demand and it is hoped that the hirer fees from the Centre will produce a health income for the Parish Council.
- 2.4 The current budget plan for the Centre is set out in **Appendix 1**.

3. NEXT STEPS

- 3.1 As mentioned in 2.2 above, the Bookings Administrator is working on a monthly schedule to accommodate the regular hirers. A monthly bookings schedule will be produced and uploaded to the Council's website along with the bookings form. The objective being, that the Centre is fully advertised on the Council's website, with members of the public able to view the facilities on offer, book and pay for their bookings on-line. The Council's website will need modification and online payment functionality sourced. This will be carried out by the Clerk.
- 3.2 In conjunction with providing the facility to pay for bookings online through the Council's website, it is also suggested that the Council consider purchasing a portable card terminal to keep at the Parish Office and also for the Bookings Administrator to take to the Centre. This will provide a secure, immediate, payment facility to our customers. It will also the limit the need for the Responsible Finance Officer to attend the bank (in Eastleigh) to deposit cash and cheques. The portable card facility can also be used by the Council's other customers paying for allotment, cemetery and sport fixture fees. Members are asked to delegate authority to the Clerk for sourcing an appropriate portable terminal. Any costs attached to this will be met by any surplus in the Woodland Centre budget code.

4. CLEANING CONTRACT

- 4.1 The Parish Ranger has sought three separate quotes for the weekly cleaning at the Community Centre. The quotes received for the cleaning contract will be presented at the meeting. Officers consider that InterClean should be awarded the contract, not only because of their competitive and cheaper quote, but also because the company owner works and resides within the Parish meaning that close dialogue can take place between the two organisations.

5. UNIFORM GROUP/SCOUT HUT/NEW CENTURY PARK

- 5.1 Members will be aware that the planning permission for the Centre included the provision of a store for exclusive use of the Scout Group as well as first refusal on the hire of the hall(s).
- 5.2 A lease to occupy agreement has been drafted and shared with the Scouts, which has been agreed in principal by the Scouts but not signed. The Scouts have now given the Parish Council their dates of hire but have not indicated when they will vacate the scout hut at Shorts Road and move into the Community Centre.
- 5.3 The Parish Council will need to consider the next steps once the Scouts have vacated the Shorts Road building, which resides on Parish Council land. Informal discussions with the Scouts and Parish Councillors have concluded that the Parish Council will bear the cost of demolishing the Scout Hut. The Parish Council need to determine what they wish to do with the land once the Scout Hut has been demolished. It had been suggested that planning permission be sought to put a car park on the site allowing access to the play area. The play area could be refurbished (as recommended through recent play area inspections) at the same time. Consultation with residents would of course take place before any applications submitted.
- 5.4 The Scouts, to date, have yet to indicate when they will vacate the site in order. In order to move things forward, it is suggested that the Scouts be given a final date in which to quit the site, in line with their lease agreement.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 That the Committee notes the contents of the report and approves the following; -
- a) That the current expenditure set out in Appendix 1 be noted;
 - b) That InterClean be awarded the cleaning contract at the Woodland Community Centre;
 - c) That the Clerk be given delegated authority to source a portable payment terminal;
 - d) That the 2nd Fair Oak Scout Group be given notice to quit the site at Shorts Road; and
 - e) That the Committee determine what action to take with regards to the Shorts Road site.

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Overall Budget	£36,000
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Internal	Source	Budget	Actual	Lead
Fire Extinguishers	Firecare	900	915	CB
Internal signage	Appletons	50		CB
Chairs (200)	Warrens	1000	3,400	MS
Tables (35)	Warrens	1000	1,925	MS
Large trollies for Chairs	Warrens	1000	399	MS
Small chair trolly	Warrens	275	275	CB
Sofa/tub chairs for consulting rm	warrens	800	1395	MS
Desk for office	warrens	130	115	MS
Chair for office	warrens	150	159	MS
Cabinet for office	warrens	300	298	MS
Lockable n/board (stat notice, reception)	warrens	150	149	MS
Noticeboard stands	Warrens	150	150	MS
Keys	?	200	868.32	CB
Kitchen cutlery/crockery/equipment	Ikea	500	411.15	MS
Kitchen bin(s)	Amazon	50	0	MS
Dishwasher (quick wash)	Catering Equipment	1600	1,793	MS
Oven	Aol	400	654	MS
Fridge	Aol	200	212	MS
Microwave	Currys	50	0	CG/MS
Water heater	Catering Equipment	649	649	MS
Water Urns	Amazon	50	50	MS
Sports hall clearing machine	Progiene	1207	1207	CG
Vacuum	Progiene	65	65	CG
Vsweeper	Progiene	99	99	CG
Cleaning products complete	Progiene	1000	713.49	CB
Basic cleaning materials	Progiene	50	125.36	CB
Blinds for Acorn Hall	Blind Business	1000	819	MS
Curtains for Acorn Hall	Blind Business	500	364.8	MS
Window Film	W/Film Company	500	216	MS
Noticeboards x2	Office furniture online	1500	322.38	CG
coffee table for rm	ikea	14	14	CG
Scanner/printer	currys	130	130	MS
Key box (office)	amazon	20	21.99	CG
Registered keys (x20)	advance locks		700	CB
Mirrors for toilets	atkinson's glass	100	165	CB
Outside				
Noticeboard (EMR)	Greenbards	1300	0	CB
Mapboard	HCC			CB
Main external signage	Appletons	2000	773.88	CB/MS
Trade Bins	EBC	500	18	CB
Gate with sign	Longacre	200	211.45	CB
CCTV	Access	3600	3577	CB
Knee Rail	All aspects	0	630	CB
Cigarette bin	Amazon	20	19.99	CB
Other				
Fire Risk Assessment	Firecare	600	600	CB

First Aid kit	Amazon	27	CB
Accident book/posters	Amazon	6	6.99 CB
Fire covers/sign	Fire Safety	50	75.16 CB
Electrician	McNish	200	200 CB
Sundries	Various	45	24.49 CB
Total		24292	24917.89