

## **Meeting with Oxfordshire Playing Field Association June 2022 - Andrew Parson**

Present: Andrew Parson, Robin Stafford Allen & Diane Bohm

Notes:

### **Children's Playground**

1. The current playground was built in 2007 and was a Parish Council project
2. Currently there are issues with the rubberised tarmac lifting at the edges: Fix is to fill the gap with soil and sod the edges. If we notice, where the grass has grown over the edge, there is no tripping danger. (Quick fix)
3. Heat: explore the use of shade sails- put them over the junior climbing frame and swings. Playground companies have them and they are very strong.
4. Timber – looking a bit tired. Why not oil it and clean off and brighten the coloured bits.
5. Look at roping off one area and getting it up to standard and then on to another area. That way villagers can see the evolving project.
6. Engage villagers in the small projects.
7. To the south side of the children's playground which has occasional shade from the trees, consider a junior zip wire and further down, a swinging basket. There may also be room for something experimental.
8. A young mother was there and suggested more experiential activities. A windchime & a Listening Post would be fun. Look at the catalogues for more ideas
9. Protect wood from strimming with a project to have protectors made.

### **Spinney and Mud Kitchen**

1. Mud kitchen looks tired and needs to be fixed up for active play. Holes in the ground need to be filled.
2. Nettles around benches, around play area need to be removed.
3. Strimming under benches as growth is quick and then it is difficult to sit down.
4. Paths for children need to be cleared

5. The main path along the stream and lovely and could form part of a jogging trail that goes around the playing field and has the distance marked so runners know how far they have run.
6. Other ideas on the spinney to follow as a longer term project.

## **Resources**

Playground to visit – Kilkenney Park near Carterton, Finstock

Nat Sport for mats under benches

Check resources for Community Playgrounds