Playground Report for 4th February 2020.

The equipment and playground were inspected on 3rd February 2020 and the general appearance is as it was last month. The grass is a little long, as would be expected and sensible at this time of year, but generally the condition was acceptable.

There are some actions, none of which is classed as major. One of the half-round steps on the infant climbing frame and one on the junior climbing frame area showing signs of splitting due to age or rot, and will need replacement later this year. The picnic table in the middle of the playground still has two bolts that could do with tightening on one of the benches (not urgent).

There are a few more bolt covers needed for the infant climbing frame (in stock). The North gate works fine, but the South gate does now close under its own steam but the post for this needs a little realigning. The grass in the area is generally a bit long, but this is OK this time of year.

The mole activity was back on the playing field during January again, but after a three-day campaign this time I consigned the troublesome mole to the compost.

As to the rest of the equipment:-

The spinner, bouncing horse and Infant climbing frame are all in sound condition

The Junior climbing frame, swings and bouncer are all in sound condition.

The significant general problem is the safety surfacing as this is shrinking away from the wooden edging to the surfacing and this still needs repair.

Over the other side of the field, the Picnic area tables were inspected and are fine having survived the rains without problem. The Mud Kitchen and equipment has just been added to this area to give some good play value thanks to the efforts of Ruth. The Children’s garden area is a mess. We do need a champion for this and a plan.

The gate from the footpath at the back of the spinney onto the road could do with a spring return as this has not got a working latch, and is frequently left open. This has been added to the list of jobs to be done.

The fence behind the green hut where the mower is kept has collapsed completely and is being used as a cut through onto the playing field. A decision is needed as to what we do with this fence as we do have a responsibility to keep the external fences in repair.

The hedge around the carpark is crying out for another trim.

The pitch grass looks good but is a little long, but again this is better in the winter.

The Galosbrook Way planter/notice board was installed last month and is in use for the Against the Wolf Campaign, and has been planted and looks good.

End of report. Robin Stafford Allen. February 2020