Playground Report for 2nd March 2021.

The equipment and playground were inspected on 2nd March 2021 the general appearance is reasonable. The grass is a little long in places but it looks acceptable.

The bench outside the playground has a broken lath that needs replacing.

There is a split fence upright plank which needs repair/replacement.

There are some actions, none of which is classed as major as a result of the ROSPA inspection and report.

The south gate was not satisfactory but by my action of inserting wedges into the ground anchor as a short-term measure, I had briefly managed to correct this problem with the gate, but it has already sunk back. A major resetting of the gate post is needed. Not a five-minute job….

The safety surface is still a problem, although not a major issue to be dealt with immediately.

Other than these items identified by ROSPA I am listing the following.

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 and a significant job as the bolts have seized).

As to the rest of the equipment: -

> The spinner, bouncing horse and Infant climbing frame are all in sound condition
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> The Junior climbing frame, swings and bouncer are all in sound condition.
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> 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.
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> Over the other side of the field, the Picnic area looks good with a beautiful area of snowdrops.

The hedge around most of the car park needs cutting back.

I had to admonish a group of boys on bicycles who were riding on the football pitch.

Robin Stafford Allen. February 2021.

Other matters

I have committed to starting the process of getting permission to repair the weirs with sandbags.