

RAUNDS TOWN COUNCIL



Report to: Environment, Leisure & Recreation Committee Playground Inspections

Summary:

To appoint a contractor to carry out repairs to playgrounds following the annual inspection.

Attachments:

Schedule of works

1.0

Background Information:

Raunds Town Council are a number of play areas namely:

- 1) Bassfords Recreation Ground, Marshalls Road
- 2) Webb Road Play area, Webb Road
- 3) Town Square
- 4) Saxon Hall, Thorpe Street
- 5) Amos Lawrence – skate park
- 6) Saddlers, Weighbridge Way

All our play areas were closed in March in line with government guidelines during the Covid pandemic. In July some restrictions were lifted and operators were able to re-open their play areas.

Prior to re-opening, we carried out the annual safety inspections of all our play equipment. Happily, no areas were deemed to pose an unacceptable risk and all equipment could be re-opened. Although a number of areas do need some maintenance activities to be carried out which are detailed below.

2.1 **Saxon Hall: Total Cost £210**

Gate:

adjust 1 No. gate to close at the correct speed as beat we can
replace 1 No. missing gate buffer with new

Play Frame:

replace 1 No. protruding bolt with 1 No. new bolt complete with cap

2.2 **Webb Road: Total Cost £60**

Secure loose fixings on net

2.3 **Town Square-Total cost- £680**

Adjustments to gate and fitting of gas strut gate closer and slammer plate buffer
(note this has been flagged previously as medium risk, however previous works have not resolved the problem)

2.4 **Saddlers Play Area Total Cost £525**

Replacement swing chains

2.5 **Bassfords Recreation Ground-£965**

Multi-unit - strip down the above item and replace 1 No. rotten deck with new mexideck

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| | <p>breakout 1 No. tube support and re-set in the ground lower to stop it pushing the deck up tape over exposed wire using playground rope tape replace missing caps where required</p> <p>Proludic Skate Glider strip down the above item, check parts for wear, lubricate and re-fit item Please note if parts are worn we will need to quote to replace</p> <p>Rodeo Board re-secure the handle fixing bolts</p> <p><u>Total Cost £2,440</u></p> <p>The expenditure at Saddlers will be met from the commuted sum held in reserves for this area.</p> <p>The remaining expenditure will be met from the playground maintenance budget.</p> <p>Works required at the Skate Park will be reported to the meeting and will be met from the separate Skate Park Budget.</p> <p>3.0 Quotation The quotation is from a specialist play equipment installer/maintainer, RPM. The Town Council have used them previously to install the equipment at Webb Road and the Sportswall at Amos Lawrence. In the past we have ordered individual pieces from manufacturers and then arranged installation locally, however this can lead to delays and a cohesive approach.</p> <p>4.0 Recommendation: To appoint RPM to carry out works following the annual play inspection report.</p> | |
| Implications: | | |
| Council objectives: | Health & Safety | x |
| Equalities & Human Rights | There are no equalities and human rights issues | x |
| Financial | There are no financial implications at this stage | |
| | There will be financial implications – see paragraph 3.0 | x |
| | There is provision within the budget | x |
| | Decisions may give rise to additional expenditure | x |
| | Decisions may have potential for income generation | |
| Legal | Power: Local Government Act 1972 | x |
| | Other considerations: None | |
| Risk Management | Material risks exist | x |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inherent risk score: - Residual risk score: | |
| Person originating this report: Kate Houlihan Town Clerk | | |
| Date: 21 July 2020 | | |