

## **Copythorne Parish Council – Meeting September 8<sup>th</sup> 2020**

### **Item 17 - Chairman's Report – September 2020 Meeting**

- 1. Playground Inspection:** Nick Adams, Engineering Design Services, our accredited Playground Inspector, undertook his annual inspection at the beginning of August 2020. We have received a copy of the report which is overall very favourable and comments on the general good quality of the playground. However, prior to presentation of our 'standard' comparator report (where we align his comments with our weekly inspection feedback summary), we have a few points of clarification we require in the light of some of his observations in respect of specific items. We have written to him and once we have his responses, we will prepare a report for presentation to the October meeting of the Parish Council.

We need to organise another small 'working party' to undertake a few maintenance tasks in the playground in the light of some of the inspection comments.

- 2. Sports Wall:** We have had a number of instances reported to us of footballs missing the wall and ending up in the playground – always accidental. A recent incident involved a ball striking a parent in the playground. As a result, and in the light of the issues relating to the ground by the gap in the hedge for which a solution is being jointly pursued with the Parish Hall Committee, we are keen to find a solution to prevent this happening and will formulate some options for consideration by the Parish Council and the Parish Hall Committee in the near future.
- 3. Benches:** We are sourcing brackets and long ground pins to provide further security of fixing for the benches in the Parish Hall field. These can be fitted when we undertake the playground 'working party', mentioned above.
- 4. Speed indicator Device ("SID"):** We are now investigating the options for purchase of a new SID. We have been advised that both Bramshaw and Minstead are unlikely to wish to participate in the joint purchase of a new SID. The Clerk will be contacting Netley Marsh and Ashurst & Colbury Parish Councils (in our new 'group') to find out if they are interested in joining a group ownership scheme to share the purchase cost. A report will come to the Parish Council in due course.

Cllr. Simon Lucas  
August 31st 2020