

**Minutes of PCW's (with Extraordinary Item) 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

**1819/019 Town Council Play Areas**

**a) Orchard Hill**

Gate buffer has been ordered as agreed.

**b) Castle Dene Play Area**

I have fixed the fence as it only required a bolt.

I have requested sign design and quotations from x3 sign companies; Top Signs of Hexham, Colin Watson Sign & Design of Acomb and Ark Signs of Cramlington. They have been advised to respond by 4<sup>th</sup> September and to quote separately so that this can be considered at the September PCW's meeting. As the sign and posts at Castle Dene are intact, I have asked for the sign to be covered, if possible.

I have asked for the play area to be cleared of weeds and litter as there was an accumulation when I visited on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August. I will meet with David Robson (NCC) as soon as possible to discuss the repair of wet pour surfacing but it is likely that this will need to be carried out by another as they only repair patches of black wet pour and the repairs include a blue border.

**c) The Copse**

I have ordered a galvanised steel bin (£24.99) that will act as a bin liner as there was not a bin liner available in the required size.

I have advised the contractor that the seat should be included in the schedule of works for town seats, as an extra.

As above with regards signage, in view of the size of the play area, I have requested a sign that can be fixed to the metal fence at the entrance, rather than installing posts as this will be less expensive.

**d) Highfield Park**

I have sent the RoSPA Report to Sutcliffe Play and requested replacement cable for the cableway, foot pegs, cap covers and hole fills as required.

I asked Michael Champion (Play Safety Inspector at Ponteland Town Council) to inspect the space net and advise the length of replacement rope required to repair where damaged, and to cost to carry out this work and re-tensioning. Following liaison with Model Taplay Limited the equipment has been cordoned off as there is metal wire exposed. A formal recommendation will be presented following further enquiries with the manufacturer, however, it is not expected that the equipment can be repaired so it should be replaced or removed.

I have asked Chris Fenwick to quote to carry out welding repairs on the ramps (£130) and asked whether they could also smooth off and point the concrete blocks (awaiting cost).

**e) West Mickley Play Area**

Although not inspected this play area does require signage so this is included in the quotation request. I have asked that the sign is post mounted and visible from inside and outside the play area.

**1819/020 Christmas Lights**

Repairs have been made as agreed and options for the trees on The Glade are included on the agenda.

**1819/022 Youth Provision in the Summer holidays**

Following the agreement of the council and delegation of some decisions to the chair/acting clerk, the following summer proposals were supported:

1. *Mini Me Hair and Beauty at The Manors*: £1800 for 6 sessions for 10 young people.
2. *Churches of Prudhoe*: £600 for food at Eastwood Park Sports day for 100 young people.
3. *Ferndene Forest Schools adventure to Hexham*: £680
4. *Prudhoe Motor Project*: £400 towards equipment for new junior session.
5. *Happy Faces trip to Lightwater Valley*: £1560.85 for 53 seater coach and entry with meal voucher.
6. *Computing 4 Kids NE at The Fuse*: £850 for 2 x 1hr sessions over 5 days for (10 children at each)
7. *Waterworld Free Swim Friday*: £1000 towards lunch box for those attending free swim offered by Active Northumberland.
8. *Prudhoe Children's Centre Summer play day sessions*: £250 towards food at all sessions.
9. *Friends of Eastwood Park Summer picnic and fair*: £1310 towards BBQ for young people.
10. *Mortal Fools script writing workshop*: £2280 for 20 young people.
11. *Northern Stars Dance Academy film and dance workshop*: Initial funding offered for 3 sessions for 40 children (£1896) with an additional 2 days if demand was sufficient (£1264).
12. *Active Future and Futsal Partnership at Highfield Park*: £1600 for 2 all-day sessions with 50 young people at each.
13. *Waterworld Active Kids, age 2 – 4*: £200 towards sessions being provided.
14. *Forest Adventurers at Ryton outdoor adventure club*: £550 for 16 children and return bus from Prudhoe Co-op.
15. *Fun Station Pirate and Princess Afternoon Tea*: £200 (ex vat) for 60 spaces.
16. *Prudhoe Poppets x3 trips to Adventurelands*: £1965 for 3 x 53 seater coach trip including entry and children packed lunch.