## ALDERBURY PARISH COUNCIL

## MEETING 13.5.25

## AGENDA ITEM

Recent playground inspection comments:

COLIN 7.4.25

1. Junior Multiplay, which now has two fixing failures: one rusted bolt which is loose and has lost its thread (reported last week - spotted by eagle-eyed Elaine); and now a bracket missing on the climbing net. Low risk

MIKE D 5.5.25

1. Bdry Fence - The style over the bdry fence along Soton Rd is broken. A temporary repair can be made but the supporting post is rotted through and needs to be replaced. There is an exposed nail which I will hammer in (LOW risk).
2. Junior Multiplay - The matting around the junior multiplay is lifting and is a potential trip hazard (LOW risk).
3. NE pedestrian Gate – The latch has an exposed screw – latch requires replacement. I would recommend that the clip on the vehicle gate be removed when the latch is replaced as this is a potential ‘pinch point’ (LOW risk)
4. Basket Swing – Another exposed sharp wire poking through the duct tape. Whilst I assess this as a LOW risk I consider a repair is necessary with a ‘proper’ shrink fit sleeve fitted over both of the supporting cables.
5. Picnic Bench (1) – The seats of the bench are very loose and need fixing with bolts through the woodwork. I have to say that the bases that have been laid are not very attractive and have not been well laid!
6. Zip Wire – Button seat protective sleeve is broken and is a ‘pinch point’ the ‘nether regions’ and could be very uncomfortable for someone! (LOW to MEDIUM risk).
7. Pavilion – Latch on door is loose and potentially a ‘pinch point’ (LOW risk).

MIKE H conversation 6.5.25

There is a need for measures to further discourage dogs on the playing field including new signage

CLERK’S RECOMMENDATIONS:

Refer the decision to the Hub working group with a brief for them

1. to write a procedure for how to deal with repairs noted from inspections which will get them done more quickly eg some form of delegated authority to them or to the clerk
2. to consider signage wording and positions on the field
3. to investigate the possibility of applying for a new byelaw1 (eg banning dogs officially)
4. to find out if WC dog wardens can help
5. The only byelaw I have does not cover dogs on the recreation field. I can’t currently access other old files as they are locked in the storage room at the village hall. So, I can’t definitively say if there is one which the dog wardens could enforce

LH 6.5.25