

WHPC Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Item 25/318

Playpark – Annual RoSPA Playpark Inspection 2025

### Purpose

1. To receive the 2025 RoSPA Playpark Inspection Report
2. To identify remedial actions, if required.

### 1. Background

West Hill Parish Council provides a children's playpark for community use. The Council has a responsibility to maintain and inspect the playpark:

- under various acts of legislation including Health & Safety (1974)
- under the terms of its insurance cover

The playpark and equipment are regularly inspected to ensure they are secure and safe and any remedial work that may be required is carried out promptly: weekly (Cllrs), monthly (EDDC RoSPA qualified Inspector) and annually by RoSPA. In addition, WHPC carries out a detailed annual inspection.

The annual inspection is included in those commissioned by EDDC. Once the report is received EDDC invoice the Parish Council for the £100 +vat fee. (This is included in the WHPC budget).

### 2. RoSPA Report 2025

The 2025 RoSPA inspection took place on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2025. The assessment of each item of equipment (from the waste bins to the Climbing frame) is recorded and a detailed report submitted to the Parish Council for review/action. In summary,

- No matters of serious concern were identified.
- All equipment given a risk rating of LOW/VERY LOW.

### 3. For consideration

Councillors are asked to note the findings of the RoSPA inspection and consider the proposed actions:

Asset	Finding Title	Risk Level	RoSPA recommendation
Sinage		Low	
Seating		Low	
Litter Bins		Low	
Pathways	Timber not in good condition. Edging is damaged.	Low	Repair

Basket Swing		Low	Monitor
Multi-play Slide Climber	Bolt Cap Damaged	Very Low	Repair
Carousel Rotator Pole	Wear In Bearings	Low	Monitor and replace where necessary.
Little Slide	Worn grass area	Low	Make good
Agility Trail		Low	Monitor
Swing. Mixed 2 Bay Junior, 1 Bay Toddler Seat	Timber is decayed. Strimmer damage to supports, some chain wear.	Low	Monitor for further deterioration, replace before 40% wear.
Picnic Bench		Low	Monitor

Ann Cooper, Parish Councillor

28<sup>th</sup> Sept 2025

Equipment	RoSPA assessment Aug-25	Findings to note
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1. Balance Trail	Low	
2. Balance Trail surface	Low	Keep ground surface in good condition
3. Entrance gate	Low	
4. 5 bar gate	Low	
5. General Surface (grass)	Very Low	
6. Waste/re-cycling bins	Very Low	
7. Climbing frame/multitplay	Low	
8. Climbing frame/multitplay surface	Very Low	Bolt cap damaged - replace
9. Path Internal (bark chips)	Low	Repair edges
10. Rotator/Pirouette	Low	Wear in bearings
11. Rotator/Pirouette surface	Very Low	
12. Seating	Very Low	
13. Signage	Very Low	
14. Small slide	Low	
15. Small slide surface	Very Low	
16. Swing basket	Low	
17. Swing basket surface	Low	
18. Triple Swing	Low	Timber is decayed - monitor and replace before 40% wear.
19. Triple Swing surface	Low	
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