

COLNEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

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Report on Recommended Playground Repairs

Following recent inspections of playground facilities within Colney Heath Parish, several repair and maintenance works have been identified as necessary to ensure the safety and longevity of play equipment. This report outlines the required works and associated costs for each location and recommends proceeding with these essential repairs to maintain high standards for public recreational areas.

Works approved under Clerk authority

1. Roestock Park, AL4 0QD

Required Works:

- Grease bearings and shackles on swings. Replace cradle seat chains.
- Tighten fixings on spinning pole.
- Sand back spindle and spray with galvanised paint on spinning bowl.
- Patch repair damaged paint on multi-play unit. Sand back sharp edges on timber and tighten fixings on the rope net.
- Replace damaged caps on Supernova.
- Replace basketball net on the goal.

Cost: £711.28 + VAT

2. High Street, AL4 0NP

Required Works:

- Top up play sand (2m³).

Cost: £514.28 + VAT

Works to be approved by Council

1. Sleapshyde Lane, AL4 0SD

Required Works:

- Grease bearings and shackles on cradle swings. Sand and paint swing frame. Complete 18 metres of edge repairs.
- Repair large gaps in tiles for flat swings. Spray with weed killer. Supply and install new flat seats, chains, and shackles.
- Tighten fixings on teen shelter and replace missing ones. Patch paint repairs.
- Replace fire-damaged block in multi-play unit.
- Secure loose fixings on rotating log.

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- Paint patch repairs and replace ropes on rope walk.

Cost: £3,923 + VAT

2. Tyttenhanger, AL4 0RN

Required Works:

- Scrub bench and treat with algae/fungus treatment.
- Break out and re-concrete springer. Patch repair the surface.
- Sand abacus balls on multi-play unit to remove rough edges and protect with stain.
- Remove rotten bench and replace with new hardwood bench.
- Patch hole at the bottom of the steps in surfacing.

Cost: £2,479.28 + VAT

Conclusion and Recommendation

The identified repair works are crucial to ensuring the safety and usability of the playground facilities across the parish. It is recommended that Colney Heath Parish Council approve the funding and proceed with these maintenance tasks as soon as possible. Addressing these issues promptly will enhance safety, extend equipment lifespan, and maintain the high standards expected in community recreational areas.

Total Estimated Cost: £5,827.28 + VAT (this figure has been reduced by £575 which is the locality funds received for Tyttenhanger Park from County Councillor Tallon)

Approval of this expenditure will enable work to commence at the earliest opportunity, ensuring that all play areas remain safe and accessible for the community.

Budget

There is £1,000 remaining in the maintenance budget for Sleapshyde

There is £43.00 remaining in the maintenance budget for Tyttenhanger

However there is £125,328 remaining in General Reserves as of end of Month 10, Council may choose to vie this money for repairs or vie from any other EMR.

Lisa Peters
Parish Clerk/RFO
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