

## **WPC Amenities Report September 2010**

### **1. Dovehouse & Mountford Play Areas:**

The new Information and Safety signs have now been installed

Excessive tree growth at Dovehouse Play area has resulted in concerns by the neighbouring sheltered housing residents (Farrington Court). This will require some canopy to be lifted and three trees to be felled. (Subject to Cllr TC agreeing this) Approx cost £250.

Longer term work is also required to remove very overgrown Dog Rose and Blackthorn hedges which are total unsuited to a play area.(Approx £1000)

Confirmation has been received that our 50% match funding has now been agreed – enabling us to go ahead with the new slide at the Dovehouse play area. (Approx cost £2450)

Approval to install replacement and additional dog fouling signs at Mountford Sports field in order to try and address the health concerns recently reported.

### **2. Dovehouse Sports Area:**

Following the recent main gate replacement, work is scheduled to create a new pedestrian access adjacent to the replacement gate. This will enable access to the area, without the need to climb over the vehicle access gate.

### **3. Sports Club/ Community Building:**

The following works have now been completed:

The outside smoking shelter has now been demolished and the roofing tiles stored. Temporary lighting and power sockets have been installed to facilitate interior working and are the only services currently available.

Exterior movement activated lights have also been installed.

A replacement entrance gate with post and rail fencing either side is awaiting installation.

I would ask councils approval to progress the following items.

One of the wooden poles supporting the practice area floodlights has snapped at ground level and needs to be removed urgently on safety grounds (£100) – the others need testing and removal if found to be cracked.

There is considerable tree/hedge growth overhanging the footway to the right of the building which requires autumn pruning (£80) and adding to our regular maintenance schedule (£30 pa) The building side of the same hedge also needs cutting (£100)

### **4. Sports Association**

Confirmation expected re their next meeting; in the meantime, they have been kept fully informed with the building progress so far.

### **5. Handyman**

We have the opportunity to utilise the services of a local person to carry out some of the minor repairs and jobs that frequently need attention. The person would be covered by our insurance, identified as working at our request and paid by the hour for authorised work carried out. I would ask councils agreement to this arrangement.

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