**Parish Council Annual General Meeting**

**12th May 2016**

**Portfolio Report: School and Recreation Ground**

**1. The School**'s use of the recreation ground for school sports has been a great success. The children now have a suitable area for their sports lessons and the village has a recreation ground which is level, mown more frequently and makes for a much more attractive area in general. There is a concern over dog fouling and you may have seen the signs encouraging dog owners to clear up after their pets.

2. The school is also making use of the woodland project area for some of their nature lessons and the project group should be congratulated on its great improvement of a previously neglected area which, together with the orchard, has much enhanced the recreation ground as a whole.

3. Parking by parents and others visiting the school continues to be a bone of contention for those living nearby and the chair of school governors has undertaken to do what she can to alleviate the problem.

**4. The Children's Play Area** once again received some unsatisfactory results in its Annual Safety Inspection and with the help of a grant from the Pewsey Area Board and considerable work by a small group of willing volunteers we have now replaced the dangerously rotten woodwork and carried out considerable refurbishment. The installation of shock absorbent matting to satisfy the safety requirements will be the next phase of the work.

5. Once complete the work on the play area should extend its life by something over 5 years. If there is still an aspiration to create a new play area then there is that period in which to form a project group, scope the work and raise the necessary funds.

**Questions**