**Parish Council Annual General Meeting**

**31st May 2018**

**Portfolio Report: School and Recreation Ground**

1. The school’s hire of the recreation ground for games lessons continues to benefit both the school and the village as a whole. The additional revenue pays for more frequent grass cutting to provide the school with a suitable area for sport whilst greatly improving conditions for all. It has been good to see children coming up to the rec after school to enjoy the results and use the play area. Conditions are rather weather dependent, as you can see from the present state of things, but hopefully the loose grass will dry out and blow away before the return of the children from half-term.
2. Now that the recreation ground as a whole is reasonably level and well maintained we are keen to protect the whole area, and particularly the football pitch, from any vehicle damage. This does not preclude vehicle access for village events but final confirmation of arrangements with event organisers will depend on the state of the ground at the time.
3. The refurbishment of the play has resulted in a clean bill of health at the last annual safety inspection. This was down to the efforts of a hard working group of volunteers who continue to turn to from time to time to maintain the standard of the equipment and keep things safe. We all know that this is a never-ending task and I am very grateful for all their help.
4. Hopefully the refurbishment should see the play area safe and serviceable for the next few years. However, if there is an aspiration to replace or even re-locate the current structure at some stage then it would be wise to use the time available to scope such a project and start the necessary fundraising.

 Colin Sibun

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