

<b>Meeting</b>	Amenities & Leisure Committee
<b>Date</b>	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
<b>Report Title</b>	Parks & Projects Update
<b>Agenda Reference</b>	8
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### Officer's Recommendation

There are no recommendations and to note only.

### Background

The team has continued with KGV resurfacing and the installation of the two goals which are now fitted. The bongo drum has been installed and the rest of the equipment will be installed shortly. The goal posts have been installed, however, letters received from a resident whose property backs on to the field requesting that they are moved as footballs could end up going over the fence and into their gardens. It was agreed to trial this area as makes the most practical sense for the goal footing to be one side over the mound and the other side into the bushes – this leaves a wide berth for the footpath, the gardens and keeps the event space clear behind the Fox & Hounds pub. The situation will continue to be monitored.

It is hoped that the reopening of KGV Play Area will take place discreetly on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021 with press coverage after the event.

The team continues to assist the Tidy Up Team with the emptying of the bins due to holidays or sickness and Mouldon hill every Wednesday. This is alongside Community Response work, if required, which as of late has been very quiet.

### Works Completed

Location	Work Completed
Various	New branded Play Area signs have been fitted. The sign now features the post codes in event of an emergency.
Luna Close Play Area	The basket swing in Luna Playpark has now been fixed.
Gaynor Close Play Area	Changed one of the baby swings to a junior swing so that this can include older children visiting the Play Area. The baby swing will be reused in Mazurek Way Play Area.
Village Green	The rocker had moved out of its seating, Dave New took it out repaired then put it back.
KGV	Two football goals are now in place at KGV. Three new inclusive items will be fitted. Before this meeting.



## Working Towards

A six week schedule has been drawn up through to March to allow the Officers to progress with their priorities before the end of the current financial year. This also prepares the team for projects to be conducted in 2021/2022.

Location	Working towards
King George V Play Area	Continuing with project until Feb/March 2021.
Leisure Garden Sites	Turning water back on leisure garden sites in readiness for growing season.
Various Play Areas	Continuation of cleaning the surfaces and the edges around the play areas. Working on any low risk actions required from the 2020 ROSPA inspection ahead of the 2021 ROSPA inspection which takes place in March.
Thyme Close Play Area	Repair the mesh and timber fencing.
Haydonleigh Skatepark	Planning permission has now been approved.
Various Play Areas	Repainting and cleaning ready for the peak months. The painting will need the better weather. Still cleaning the edges from moss and weeds.
Luna Close and Gaynor Close Refurbishment Plans	Discussing ideas and requesting quotations from play area suppliers for the refurbishment plans prior to creating the tender documents. Working with the Play Area Working Party to report any findings.

## 2021/2022 Play Area Inspections

A cost comparison from two play area inspection companies and our insurance was carried out to find the best value for the 2021/2022 external play area inspection. Our insurance company could not match the specification and was therefore discounted from the final comparison. The Play Area Inspection Company was £-133.00 less than RoSPA for very similar specifications and for that reason, we have agreed to proceed with The Play Area Inspection Company. The order has been placed and a date in April is pending.

## Haydonleigh Skate Park

The Officers are checking Skateboard England and Government advice regularly for an estimated date that the Skate Park can reopen safely. The Youth Worker has been scheduled in to work weekends from Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and the sessions can be booked via Eventbrite.

It is possible we can reopen earlier than this date, estimated 12<sup>th</sup> April which is in the Easter Holidays – but the Youth Worker is unable to work these dates – if Councillors would be willing to oversee these with the sessions overseen by the Youth Worker. The Youth Worker has been scheduled in to work weekends from Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Details will be advertised closer to the time.



Alternatively, the Skate Park could reopen without monitored sessions and the Youth Worker can progress with other matters like deliverable Summer activities and workshops?

The planning application for the fencing has been approved and is covered further in a report in the exempt session of the meeting.