

Subject:	Ticknell Park and Skate Park and Access to Green Spaces Update	
From:	Claire Wilding	
Date:	22/09/22	
For information and decision		
Summary of decisions or actions requested: The Town Council is asked to note the findings of the ROSPA inspection and agree the proposed plan for maintenance at Ticknell play park and skate park.		
Financial implications: We don't yet have costs for the remedial works.		
Communications: None		

The skate park and play park are looking in good condition. The new bench from the play park has been carried to the skate park. We need to fix it down so that it doesn't get moved again. The bare patch that we sowed with wildflower seed has greened up following the recent rain so hopefully will start to establish. Some new graffiti art has appeared in the skate park, this looks great and is not the type we need to remove!

I've developed a plan for maintenance work at the play park and skate park, taking account of the findings of the recent ROSPA inspection:

- Various repairs are needed to the playpark gates, these are a priority because one gate is rotten and broken, and the other is very difficult to close, so the park is being left open to dogs. I'm asking Lisa to get a quote to do all the repairs on both playpark gates this FY.
- We need to tighten up the bolts on some of the play equipment. Lisa is already looking for someone to do this sort of regular maintenance at Nine Acres, so I suggest we use the same person.
- Repairs will be needed to the playpark fence, probably next year, but we may be able to leave it a bit longer - suggest we monitor this.
- At the skate park, there is damage to the concrete surface. Currently low risk but will need repairing. I suggest Lisa gets a quote so that we can budget for it next FY.
- Need to cut back some trees in the skate park and repaint the goalposts which are corroding. We also need to purchase some ground pegs for the benches at Ticknell

and Nine Acres and get someone to install them. Please can Lisa get a quote for these.

On access to green spaces, OCC are supportive of the changes we have proposed around Ticknell Field/Centenary Wood. We have not been able to get a response from BBOWT as yet. Once we have this, we can start looking at prices and quotes and communicating with residents before we apply for a grant.