

## Ford Parish Council Meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016

### Item 11 – Recreation Ground

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#### Background:

A working group was set up to look at the findings of the ROSPA report. The group visited the play area and reviewed the findings of the report. This report summarises the group's recommendations for action.

#### Recommendations for action (for approval)

Item	Action Needed	Cost
Sign to children's play area faded	Print new sign	Quotes to be sought – estimate circa £50 to £75
D Shackles on overhead play area – report recommends	RoSPA recommend replace (low risk) but having reviewed them recommendation is to monitor	
Swing seats (normal and toddler swings)– wear	Replace (councillors to fit)	Toddler seats - £230 (£115 each) Normal seats – circa £40 (circa £20 each depending on exact model needed)
Length of grass and uneven surface in play area	Ask Sodexo to cut grass shorter and flatten the ground	Not known – I have tried to contact Sodexo to arrange a meeting.
Brook – RoSPA rated this as medium risk due to steep bank edging obscured by BMX track.	Consider risks and whether to install a hedge and some form of barrier e.g. hawthorne hedge?	Depends on preferred course of action

The Working Group did also feel it may be worth considering signing up to Shropshire Council's play equipment safety checks service as this uses accredited assessors. This could be in addition to the cleaning and checks made already.