

Toft Parish Council

I hereby give notice that the Annual (803rd) meeting of Toft Parish Council will be held on Monday 15 May 2023 at approximately 7.15 pm in the People's Hall, Toft

The Public and Press and County and District Councillors are invited to be present and Members of the Parish are welcome to attend and may speak under the Open Public Session item and make representation to the Council on items on the agenda during this section of the meeting

All members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend for the purpose of considering and resolving upon the business to be transacted at the Meeting as set out hereunder



Mrs Gail Stoehr, Clerk, 09/05/23

AGENDA

Annual Business

1. To elect a Chairman and to receive the declaration of acceptance of office
2. To elect a Vice-Chairman
3. To appoint committees, working groups or any representatives on any other organisation or authority deemed necessary and conduct annual reviews
 - 3.1 Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Risk Assessment and other policies review – to consider if any policies need updating or any new policies adopting
 - 3.2 Assets, Insurance policy and fidelity guarantee review
 - 3.3 Review of Parish Council land

Public participation on agenda items and matters of mutual interest (includes reports from County and District Councillors and representation by members of the public) Steve Pugh, Toft Peoples Hall update on plans for the hall and planning application arrangements

4. Apologies for absence and declaration of interests
 - 4.1 To approve written apologies and reasons for absence
 - 4.2 To receive declarations of interests from councillors on items on the agenda
 - 4.3 To receive written requests for dispensations and to grant any dispensations
5. To approve the minutes of the last meeting
6. To consider any resolutions from the Annual Parish Meeting
7. To consider any matters arising from the last or a previous meeting including
 - 7.1 (3.2) Climate Change and Green issues – to consider revised Environmental Policy ^(SC)
 - 7.2 (7.1) Proposal that the Parish Council consider the supply of three boulders at a maximum cost of £400.00 from Barnolds Supplies Ltd, Capability Barns in Fen Drayton and arrangements for their purchase ^(MY)
 - 7.3 (7.11) To consider whether the Parish Council should explore public electric car chargers
8. To consider correspondence received since the last meeting requiring the Council's attention
 - 8.1 Toft Peoples Hall – request that the Parish Council submit the planning application in its name.
 - 8.2 Resident - offer of a donation of £1000 for celebrating the King's Coronation, or possibly to be used for the construction of a notice board at Birdlings or for a variety of other requirements for the village of Toft ^(MY)
9. Finance, Procedure and risk assessment and use of delegated powers
 - 9.1 To consider the finance report and approve the payment of any bills
 - 9.2 To receive play inspection reports and consider any work required ^(CW)
 - 9.3 To consider any matter which is urgent because of risk or health and safety and relates to Council property
 - 9.4 To consider the RoSPA
 - 9.5 To carry out a review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control that has been in place during the year under review (between 1st April 2022 and 31 March 2023)

Toft Parish Council

- 9.6 To prepare the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1 of the Annual Return)
- 9.7 To approve the Annual Governance Statement by resolution
- 9.8 To consider the Accounting Statements (Section 2 of the Annual Return)
- 9.9 To approve the Accounting Statements by resolution
- 9.10 To ensure that the Accounting Statements are signed and dated by the person presiding at the meeting
- 9.11 To complete the certificate of exemption – AGAR 2022/23 Part 2
- 10. To consider any Planning or Tree works applications or related items received
 - 10.1 Planning applications
 - 10.2 SCDC decisions for information
 - 10.3 Tree works applications
- 11. Members items and reports for information only unless otherwise stated
 - 11.1 Village Maintenance ^(MY)
 - 11.2 Highways ^(ED)
 - 11.3 Toft People's Hall ^(CW)
 - 11.4 Footpaths ^(EM)
 - 11.5 Defibrillator report ^(CW)
 - 11.6 Birdlings liaison ^(SC)
 - 11.7 Operation Golden ORB / Kings Coronation report ^(EM)
 - 11.8 Toft Nature – the land on Brookside opposite the thatched cottage – proposal to increase wildlife/biodiversity ^(ED)
 - 11.9 Update on speed monitors
 - 11.10 Update on EWR
 - 11.11 Request for tree works in pinfold lane ^(MY)
- 12. Closure of meeting

Clerk report to Toft Parish Council meeting on 15 May 2023

1. To elect a Chairman and to receive the declaration of acceptance of office
Cllr Yeadon to invite nominations, which need to be proposed and seconded and voted on. The elected Chairman to sign the declaration of acceptance of office before a member before the meeting continues.
2. To elect a Vice-Chairman
Again, please propose and second and vote on the nomination.
3. To appoint committees, working groups or any representatives on any other organisation or authority deemed necessary and conduct annual reviews
Financial monitoring
Footpaths
Communications
Play inspection reports
Lot Meadow
Village Maintenance
Highways – Fault reporting, Verge by the Church, LHI application
Grass cutting
Dog and litter bins
Allotments
Notice boards and welcome packs
Police liaison
Planning
Defibrillator
Birdlings liaison
Climate Change and Green Issues

Representation on other organisations or authorities
East West Rail and Cambridge Approaches
Toft People's Hall
Comberton Village College Community Governors' Liaison
SCDC Community Champions
- 3.1 Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Risk Assessment and other policies review – to consider if any policies need updating or any new policies adopting
Members have been provided with copies of all policies. If you need another copy please contact the Clerk. Are any changes required? The Clerk is not aware of any at this time. The new model standing orders has changed Chairman to Chair.
- 3.2 Assets, Insurance policy and fidelity guarantee review – to consider if anything has changed to require a change to the policies.
- 3.3 Council land
Community land CB378985 (Lot Meadow)
Recreation ground CB298407 –

The Council is sole trustee to William Eversden Charity Allotments, Mill Lane.

The Village Green is still in the process of being registered with Land Registry. The Clerk has to find time to make a statement of truth and swear it before a solicitor and compile the additional information requested by and Registry.
- 7.1 (3.2) Climate Change and Green issues – to consider revised Environmental Policy

Circulated by Cllr Collinson to all members on 13th March. Attached again.

10.1 Planning Applications received

* NB Some planning applications may not be specifically listed on this agenda but may still be considered by the Parish Council due to the time constraints of making a recommendation to the District Council.

The planning portal for new applications can now be found at <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/>

The Parish Council's may choose its own wording to show whether it agrees with an application or not and can now both support/approve or object/ refuse etc parts of the same application

The Parish Council should include material planning reasons why the Council take this stance via its comments.

The Parish Council *does/does not** request that the application be referred to the District Council Planning Committee *(please delete)

Material planning reasons:

10.1 Planning applications

None at the time of writing.

10.2 SCDC decision notices

10.2.1 20/01992/NMA1 – Bennell Farm, West Street – Non-material amendment on application 20/01992/FUL to amend the wording of conditions 4, 6, 7 and 23 – Permission granted by SCDC.

10.2.2 20/03757/CONDB – Land adjacent to 6 Hardwick Road – Submission of details required by condition 7 (Scheme for disposal of surface water and foul water) of planning permission 20/03757/FUL – Condition discharged in full

10.2.3 21/01919/CONDB – Land rear of 6 Hardwick Road – Submission of details required by condition 10 (Scheme for disposal of surface water and foul water) of planning permission 21/01919/FUL – Condition discharged in full

10.2.4 20/03339/CONDB – Land west of 80 West Street – Submission of details required by conditions 3 (CEMP), 4 (Foul and surface water drainage), 5 (Materials) and 6 (Landscaping scheme) of planning permission 20/03339/FUL – Split decision

10.3 Tree works

None at the time of writing.

11. Members' items and reports for information only unless otherwise stated

11.1 Village Maintenance ^(MY)

11.2 Highways ^(ED)

"Regarding the 20mph bid, I am extremely sorry that I haven't had time to do this over April. But 20mph is coming to School Lane any day (I also discussed this with Daniel), and we'll look at other options as mentioned above."

"Following my Teams meeting with Daniel Nye a few weeks ago, I have a number of suggestions for our attempt to slow down the traffic traveling into and through Toft. I think the ideas I have which were discussed with Daniel and which he was very supportive and enthusiastic about, could be applied for this year. We have nothing to loose. So, I will explain these ideas with the TPC to see what everyone thinks. Daniel explained that TPC would be required to pay 10% of the costs involved, so I need to discuss this with everyone to find out how we might pay this."

11.10 Toft Nature – the land on Brookside opposite the thatched cottage ^(ED)

“I have been thinking about various ways we might be able to do more for nature and wildlife in Toft and one idea I want to discuss with TPC is purchasing a number of Bird Nest boxes, to put up around the village for next years nesting season. I know I need to run this past lots of people and it would necessitate finding a handyman who could put them up for us, but I really think this would be good. I have a few ideas regarding buildings and trees to attach next boxes to (back of the bus shelter, Toft People’s Hall, Methodist Church, Tree on the village Green, Trees near the bus shelter), but of course this would all need to be approved. Also, I have learned a little bit more about the likely owner of the land on Brookside that is opposite the end of School Lane and I wanted to discuss this with TPC to see what everyone thinks. One other idea I have is to add flowers to our Village Green, which currently just has a tree and bench. Looking at other village greens around, many look a lot more interesting and colourful than ours. So, adding plants that benefit Moths in particular is of interest to me. Night scented flowers. I think Moths are often forgotten about with all the attention on bees, butterflies and insects, so I would like to help the moths as well.”

12. Closure of meeting

**Minutes of the 802nd meeting of Toft Parish Council
Held on Monday 3 April 2023 at 7.00 pm in The People's Hall, Toft**

Present: Councillors: M Yeadon (Chairman), E Miles, S Collinson, E Darbyshire and R Harris.

In attendance: 5 members of the public and Mrs Gail Stoehr (Clerk).

Cambridge Nature Network – Natural Cambridgeshire Recovery Toolkit – Natalie Lambert
The representative of Cambridge Nature Network was not present.

Public participation on agenda items and matters of mutual interest (includes reports from County and District Councillors and representation by members of the public)

Three residents spoke regarding the application for 33 School Lane and expressed their preference for a bungalow. Although 1.5 storeys is a house the way the plans were drawn it looked lower but that is the ground level. It was deceptive and was not subservient to the other houses on School Lane.

A tree on the highway verge would be lost.

The Arbory Trust free standing seats were being stolen.

Russell Cowburn introduced himself as the tenant of the Old Horse Yard. The company, Durham Magneto Optics Ltd, was a high-tech business manufacturing scientific equipment. The Chairman explained that previous tenants had sponsored projects in the village. Mr Cowburn offered to do likewise, and offered an opportunity for visitors once settled.

1. Apologies for absence and declaration of interests

1.1 To approve written apologies and reasons for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Watson (work commitment out of parish).

1.2 To receive declarations of interests from councillors on items on the agenda

Cllr Yeadon declared an interest in item 6.3.1 as it concerned his property.

1.3 To receive written requests for dispensations and to grant any dispensations

None.

2. To approve the minutes of the last meeting on 6 March 2023

RESOLVED that the minutes of 6 March 2023 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. (Prop EM, 2nd SC, unanimous)

On a proposition by the Chairman, the order of business was varied to take item 6.1.1 next.

6.1.1 23/01080/FUL – Lands adj to 33 School Lane – Single detached dwelling

RESOLVED to object to the application with the following comments:

“The Parish Council’s main objection to this proposal is that the building is too large for this location. It is at the end of a row of bungalows adjacent to a footpath and attractive field and then more bungalows. Therefore the building is seen as being too high. The width of the building completely fills the plot width which is not in keeping with its location.

The glazed balcony will overlook adjacent properties which should not be permitted.

The single access to the two properties is not desirable. The access to the garage and the parking area in front of no33 seems too tight.

The proposal includes the removal of several trees including a mature horse chestnut. In addition to the undesirable loss of trees in the area the view from Pinfoldwell Lane will be of the rear of the house rather than the existing trees which will negatively impact this tree lined bridleway.

For these reasons the PC recommends refusal of this application.” (Prop MY, 2nd EM, unanimous)

3. To consider any matters arising from the last or a previous meeting including

3.1 (Open) To consider any matter arising from the public session

None.

- 3.2 (3.3) Climate Change and Green issues – to consider revised Environmental Policy
RESOLVED to defer this item to the next meeting.
- 3.3 (4.1) CCC 20 mph scheme (deadline 30 April)
RESOLVED to apply for a 20 mph scheme for the whole village and that Cllr Darbyshire should complete and submit the application. (Prop MY, 2nd SC, unanimous)
RESOLVED whilst support from County Cllr Michael Atkins had been given at the last meeting and is to be formally sought.
RESOLVED to note the unanimous support from the residents present at the meeting for a 20mph scheme.
RESOLVED there were no objections to the CCC proposal for a zebra crossing adjacent to Comberton Village College.
- 3.4 (5.1 of 6.2.23) To consider quotation for PCB Board for speed equipment
RESOLVED to accept the quotation from Morelock for a PCB board, including delivery, at a cost of £99.00 plus VAT. (Prop MY, 2nd SC, unanimous)
- 4. To consider correspondence received since the last meeting requiring the Council's attention**
- 4.1 Resident – Speeding in School Lane
RESOLVED, having considered the resident's concerns, that the MVAS will be moved to School Lane when the new PCB board has been received and installed. (Prop SC, 2nd EM, unanimous)
- 5. Finance, Procedure and risk assessment and use of delegated powers**
- 5.1 To consider the finance report and approve the payment of any bills
RESOLVED to receive the financial report and check the invoices and bank statements before the payments were approved. (Prop MY, 2nd EM, unanimous)
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| Salaries | | £169.93 |
| LGS Services | Admin support March 23 | £451.13 |
| Toft People's Hall | Room Hire – Feb | £15.00 |
- Receipt of a VAT reclaim was noted.
- 5.2 To receive play inspection reports and consider any work required
No issues were reported. The RoSPA inspection is due this month.
- 5.3 To consider any matter which is urgent because of risk or health and safety and relates to Council property
None.
- 6. To consider any Planning or Tree works applications or related items received**
- 6.1 Planning applications
- 6.1.1 23/01080/FUL – Lands adj to 33 School Lane – Single detached dwelling
Taken earlier.
- 6.2 SCDC decisions for information
None.
- 6.3 Tree works applications
- 6.3.1 23/0276/TTCA – 5 Brookside
At 7.57 pm, having previously declared an interest in this item, Cllr Yeadon left the meeting. Cllr Miles, the Vice Chairman chaired the meeting for this item.
RESOLVED to make no comments.
Cllr Yeadon re-joined the meeting at 7.58 pm.
- 7. Members items and reports for information only unless otherwise stated**
- 7.1 Village Maintenance
A proposal that the Parish Council consider the supply of three boulders at a maximum cost of £400.00 from Barnolds Supplies Ltd, Capability Barns in Fen Drayton and arrangements for their purchase is to be an agenda item for the next meeting.
- 7.2 Highways

Cllr Darbyshire had requested an update from CCC on the 20 mph limit and possible zebra crossing, and was awaiting a reply. A response was awaited from Simeon Carroll regarding road markings and potholes.

- 7.3 Toft People's Hall
Nothing to report.
- 7.4 Footpaths
Cllr Miles reported that she had heard from the Woodland Trust who will inspect the waymarker.
- 7.5 Defibrillator report
Nothing to report.
- 7.6 Birdlings liaison
Nothing to report.
- 7.7 Operation Orb update
Cllr Miles provided an update on the tea party arrangements, with badges for children and a bouncy castle. There would be no molly dancers.
- 7.8 Update on the joint Parish Meeting
Cllr Yeadon reported on his attendance at the joint Parish Meeting which had covered Neighbourhood Plans and chalk streams.
- 7.9 Update EWR Status report
Cllr Yeadon reported that East West Rail was expected to come out with its preferred route in May, but they were not expecting any information on elevations yet. The Freight 21 group would like to see the northern route accepted and extended to Newmarket. The East West Rail working party appeared to be an opposition group. RESOLVED that Cllr Yeadon should meet with Cambridge Approaches.
- 7.10 Proposal to change the lead Councillor for the grass cutting contract
RESOLVED that Cllr Harris be appointed as lead member for the grass cutting contract. A copy of the contract is to be sent to her.
- 7.11 Update on environmental matters – CVC car chargers, SCDC
The car chargers at Comberton Village College were not presently being used but the College may look at opening them up to the wider public in the future. Consideration of whether the Parish Council should explore public chargers is to be an agenda item for the next meeting.
8. Closure of meeting
There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.26 pm.

SignedChairmandate.

Toft Parish Council Environmental Policy

Overview

It is the policy of Toft Parish Council to seek ways of decreasing pollution of all kinds and of increasing nature and wildlife. Recognising TPC has limited resources, we will seek to align ourselves with local and national government initiatives.

Our actions fall into three categories:

1. Reducing pollutants
2. Environmental clean up
3. Encouraging nature
4. Awareness

Reducing Pollutants

1. Seeking opportunities to install electric chargers within the Parish.
2. Investigating use of existing chargers in the Parish.
3. Acting as a signpost to the Parish of environmental grants for:
 - a. Boiler replacement
 - b. Air source heat pumps
 - c. Solar panels
 - d. Home batteries
 - e. Home insulation

Environmental Clean Up

1. Having bi-annual village clean up events.
2. Monitoring and actioning exceptional clean up requirements

Encouraging Nature

1. Seeking ways of encouraging carbon capture through planting
2. Encouraging wilding, where possible

Awareness

1. Sign the Cambridge Climate Change Charter
2. Advertise the CCF events
3. Support CCF work
4. Review new items from our local network at each PC meeting

TOFT PARISH COUNCIL MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

May-23

Summary of previous month

Balance brought forward 123,815.89

Adjustments

Expenditure approved at previous / between meetings

MORELOCK	MVAS PCB	-118.80	
OPUS ENERGY	STREETLIGHT ENERGY	-196.46	<i>DD</i>

Credits

NATIONWIDE BS	INTEREST	207.00
SCDC	PRECEPT 1/2	10839.50

Total Adjustments 10,731.24

Balance revised after adjustments 134,547.13

Bank Reconciliation to latest statement

Account	Funds	Statement	Outstanding
Unity Trust Bank	70,684.38	70,769.32	-84.94
Natwest Current Account	27,172.83	27,172.83	
Nationwide BS	36,689.92	36,689.92	
Total	134,547.13	134,632.07	-84.94

Expenditure for approval

		£
SALARIES		169.93
LGS SERVICES	ADMIN SUPPORT APRIL 23	537.79
CAM VALLEY FORUM	AFFILIATION FEE	10.00
BUCHANS	GRASSCUTTING APRIL	715.07
LGS SERVICES	PAYROLL FY23	79.20
MORELOCK	MVAS PCB	118.80
TOFT PEOPLES HALL	ROOM HIRE	15.00
BUCHANS	GRASSCUTTING MARCH	326.27
CAPALC	AFFILIATION FEE	325.83
		<u>2,297.89</u>
Balance C/F		<u><u>132,249.24</u></u>

Gail Stoehr
Responsible Financial Officer

Notes:

Late invoices will be brought to the meeting

Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2022/23 for

TOFT PARISH COUNCIL
ENTER NAME OF AUTHORITY

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2022 £	31 March 2023 £	
1. Balances brought forward	73,213	69,413	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.
2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	15,000	21,679	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other receipts	1,831	55,472	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.
4. (-) Staff costs	1,739	3,115	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include gross salaries and wages, employers NI contributions, employers pension contributions, gratuities and severance payments.
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).
6. (-) All other payments	18,892	19,079	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. (=) Balances carried forward	69,413	124,370	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).
8. Total value of cash and short term investments	69,413	124,370	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – To agree with bank reconciliation.
9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	403,709	404,209	The value of all the property the authority owns – it is made up of all its fixed assets and long term investments as at 31 March.
10. Total borrowings	0	0	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).

For Local Councils Only	Yes	No	N/A	
11a. Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)	✓			The Council, as a body corporate, acts as sole trustee and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets.
11b. Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)	✓			The figures in the accounting statements above do not include any Trust transactions.

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2023 the Accounting Statements in this Annual Governance and Accountability Return have been prepared on either a receipts and payments or income and expenditure basis following the guidance in Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities – a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices and present fairly the financial position of this authority.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer before being presented to the authority for approval

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Date

03/05/2023

I confirm that these Accounting Statements were approved by this authority on this date:

DD/MM/YYYY

as recorded in minute reference:

MINUTE REFERENCE

Signed by Chairman of the meeting where the Accounting Statements were approved

SIGNATURE REQUIRED



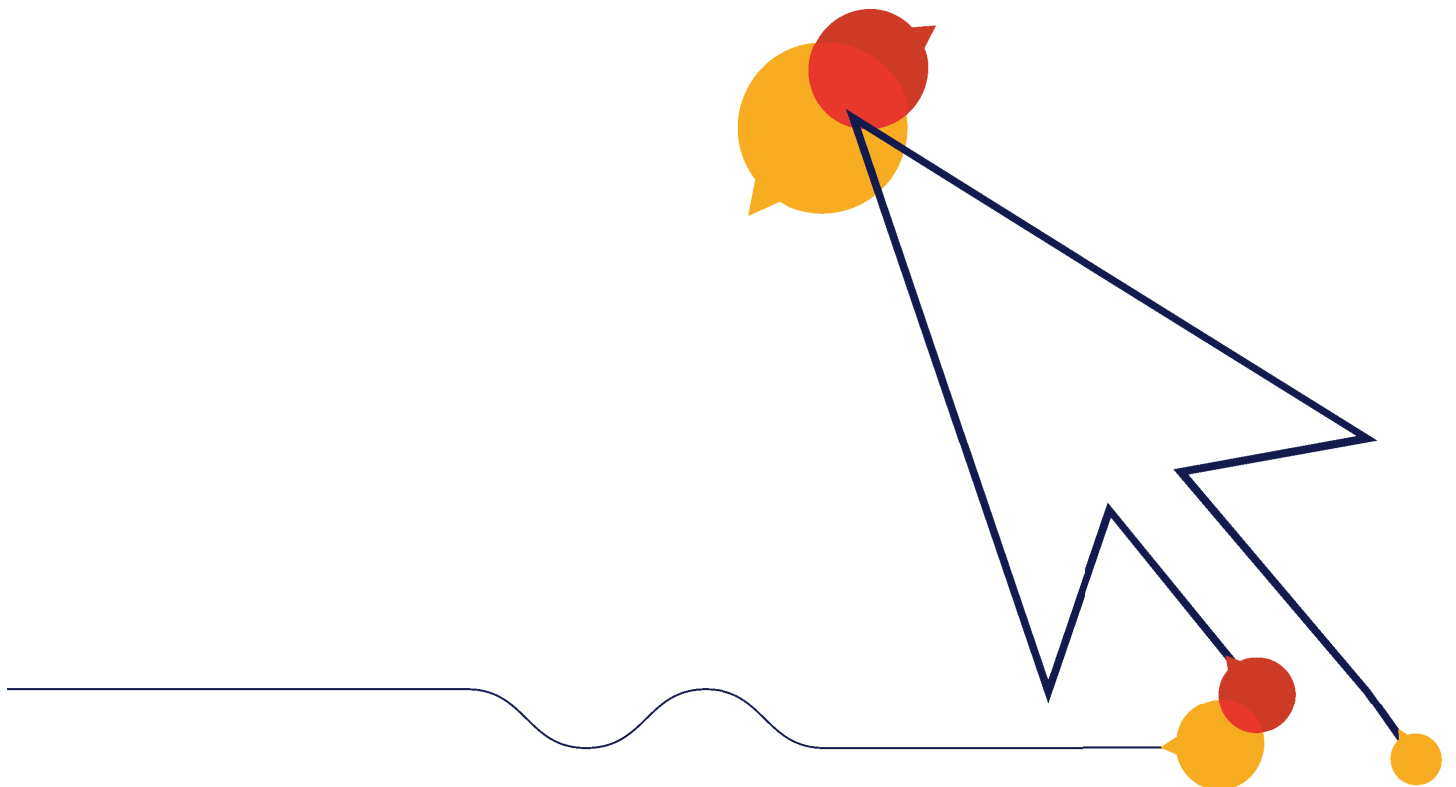
Safety Inspection Report

Annual Inspection

Toft Play Area

Toft Parish Council

03 May 2023



Safety Inspection Report

Annual Inspection

Site name: **Toft Play Area**
Date of inspection: **03 May 2023**
Inspector: **David Owen**



How to read your report

The assets on site are categorised as **Ancillary Items** or **Play Items**, and listed under those headings.

Each item is listed in the style shown in the image below, which contains labels to aid interpretation as follows:

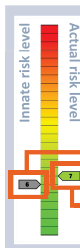
- 1) The name of the asset
- 2) The manufacturer of the asset, if known,
- 3) The innate or default risk score of the asset, assuming it has no faults and complies with standards,
- 4) The actual risk score of the asset at the time of inspection, being the highest of the finding risks or the innate risk,
- 5) A statement about whether the item complies with the appropriate standards, including the names of those standards,
- 6) Details about findings, if any, including what is wrong (Description), what to do about it (Tasks), notes to aid understanding (Notes), and photograph(s) of the issue.

Primary Items

Sample Asset Name 1

Manufactured by Manufacturer Name 2

asset image here




Innate risk level

Actual risk level

Risk level:
Low

Potential risk score reduction:
13

Remedial tasks:
14



Surface: Grass

Standards: 5
EN 1176-1:2017, EN 1176-2:2017
The item and its surfacing (where applicable) meet with the requirements of the relevant standards.


Finding

Description Item is rusting in places.	Risk level: Low
Tasks Replace.	Risk score: 7
Note Two of the frame washers are rusting.	

Finding Photos

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Inspection SI0000142594. Report produced on 16/12/2019 at 12:11:07

Fencing



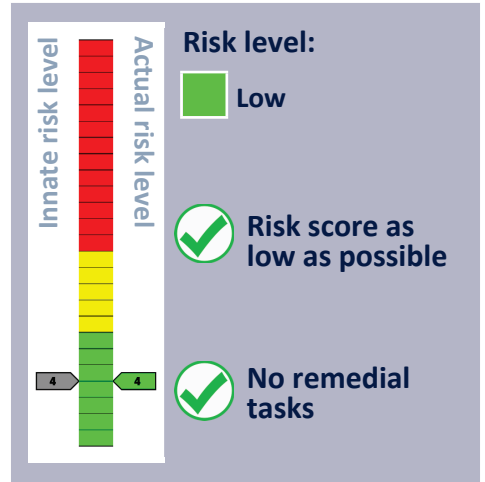
Innate risk level

Actual risk level

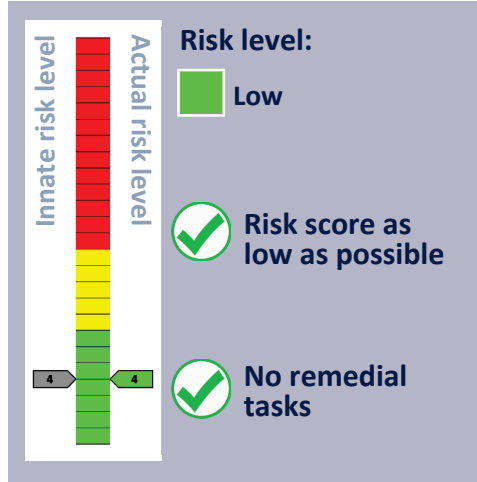
Risk level:

- Very low
- Risk score as low as possible
- No remedial tasks

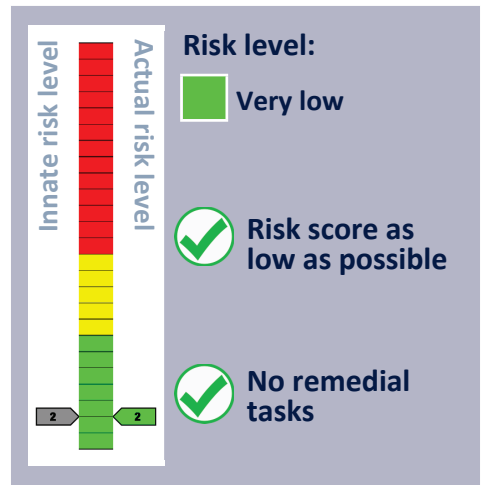
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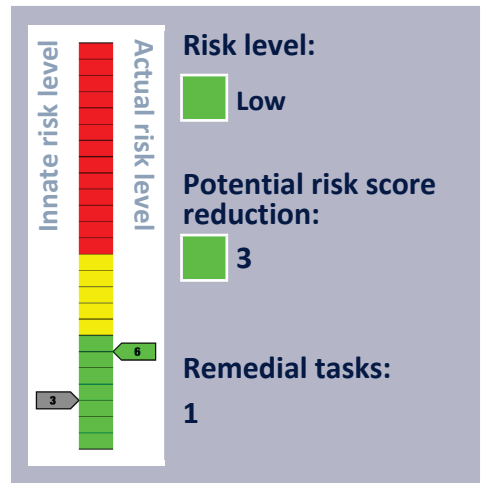
Gate



Signage



Seating - Picnic Tables



Maintenance Finding

Description

Bolt(s) loose.

Tasks

Tighten.

Note

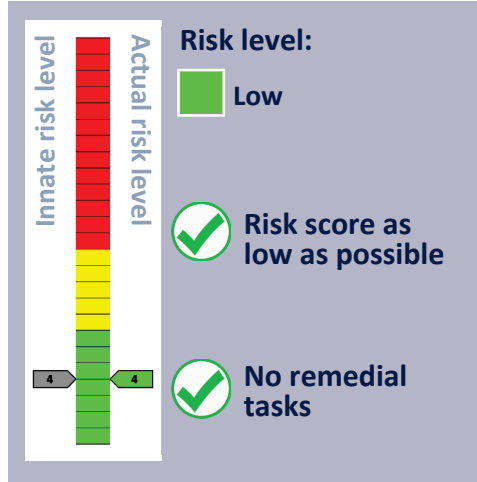
Seat beams slightly loose to posts.



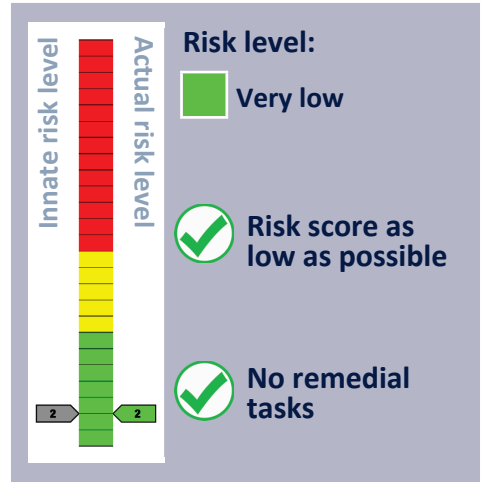
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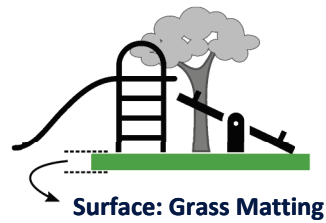
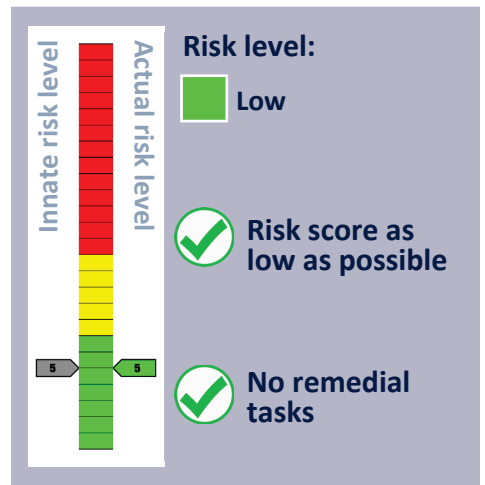


Litter Bin (Outside Play Area)



Carousel - Supernova

Manufactured by Kompan Ltd



Standards:

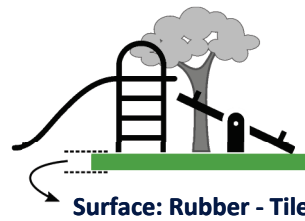
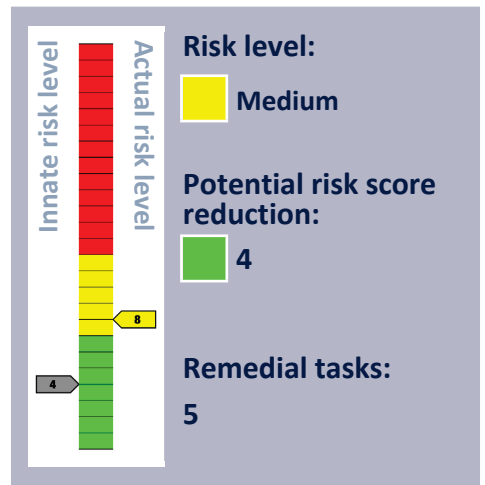


EN 1176-1:2017, EN 1176-5:2019

The item and its surfacing (where applicable) meet with the requirements of the relevant standards.

Multiplay - Toddler

Manufactured by Lappset Group Ltd



Standards:



EN 1176-1:2017

The item is not compliant with the requirements of the relevant standards. The surfacing meets with the requirements of the relevant standards.

Maintenance Finding

Description

Cap missing.

Tasks

Replace.

Note

Cap plugs missing and damaged.

Risk level:

Very low

Risk score:

3

Finding Photos



Maintenance Finding

Description

Item is damaged.

Tasks

Read the notes for further action.

Note

Barrier slats starting to split open. Monitor.

Risk level:

 Low

Risk score:

 6

Finding Photos



Standard Compliance Finding

Description

The opening in the barrier is wider than 500 mm (when measured horizontally at any point), but there is no guardrail.

Tasks

No reasonably practicable action is identified., The unit met the requirements of the 2008 standard, but does not meet the requirements of the 2017 standard.

Note

The standards were changed in 2017 to require openings not to exceed 500 mm. The unit complied with previous standards at the time of manufacture.

Risk level:

 Low

Risk score:

 6

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Standard Compliance Finding

Description

Edges not radiused or chamfered.

Tasks

Provide a minimum 3 mm radius.

Note

Repaired barrier slats require a radius or chamfer to the edges.

Risk level:

 Medium

Risk score:

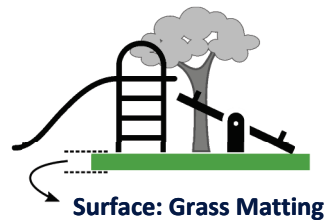
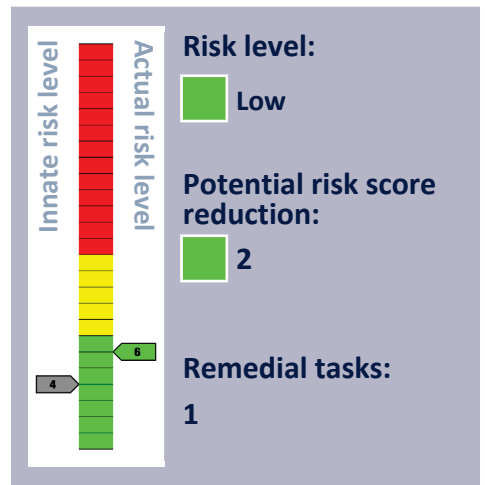
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Rocker - Ladybird

Manufactured by Lappset Group Ltd



Standards:



EN 1176-1:2017, EN 1176-6:2017

The item and its surfacing (where applicable) meet with the requirements of the relevant standards.

Maintenance Finding

Description

Bolt(s) loose.

Tasks

Tighten.

Note

Body and seat loose to the frame. Tighten.

Risk level:

Low

Risk score:

6

Finding Photos



Swing - Basket (2500 mm High)

Manufactured by Kompan Ltd



Innate risk level

Actual risk level

Risk level:
Medium

Risk score as low as possible

Remedial tasks:
1



Standards:



EN 1176-1:2017, EN 1176-2:2017

The item and its surfacing (where applicable) meet with the requirements of the relevant standards.

Maintenance Finding

Description

Chains are twisted.

Tasks

Untwist the chains to prolong their life and check for wear.

Note

The secondary chains are twisted.

Risk level:

Low

Risk score:

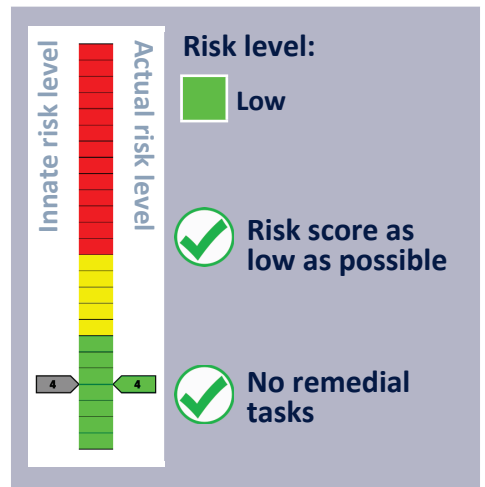
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Rotator - Spinning Seat

Manufactured by Lappset Group Ltd



Standards:

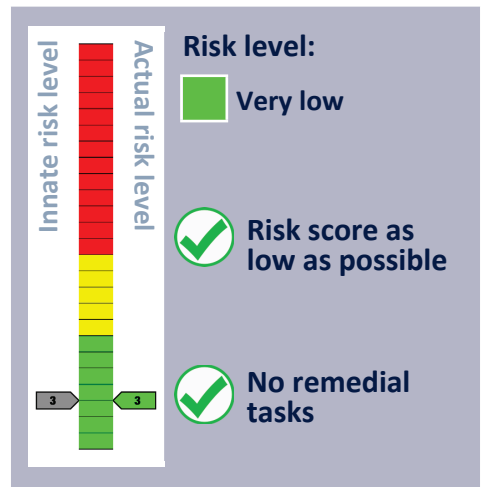


EN 1176-1:2017, EN 1176-5:2019

The item and its surfacing (where applicable) meet with the requirements of the relevant standards.

Swing - Toddler - 1 Bay 1 Seat

Manufactured by Europlay



Standards:



EN 1176-1:2017, EN 1176-2:2017

The item and its surfacing (where applicable) meet with the requirements of the relevant standards.

Goal Posts - 5-A-Side

Manufactured by (Unknown)



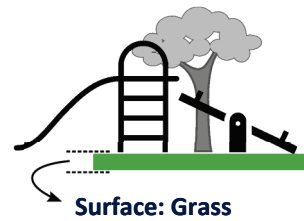
Innate risk level (vertical scale from green to red)

Actual risk level (vertical scale from green to red)

Risk level: Medium

Risk score as low as possible: (checkmark icon)

Remedial tasks: 2



Standards:



BS 8461:2005+A1:2009, EN 16579:2018

The item and its surfacing (where applicable) meet with the requirements of the relevant standards.

Maintenance Finding

Description

Item is not secure.

Tasks

Replace.

Note

Nets are not secure to the frame.

Risk level:

Low

Risk score:

4

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Maintenance Finding

Description

Surface is wearing.

Tasks

Repair.

Note

Surface is wearing exposing trees roots.

Risk level:

■ Low

Risk score:

■ 7

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Multiplay Unit - Junior

Manufactured by Kompan Ltd



Innate risk level

Actual risk level

Risk level:
Low

Risk score as low as possible

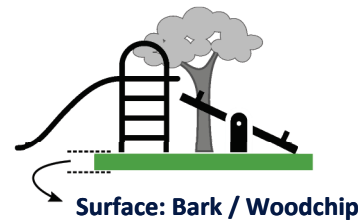
Remedial tasks:
2

Standards:



EN 1176-1:2017

The item and its surfacing (where applicable) meet with the requirements of the relevant standards.



Maintenance Finding

Description

Where the curly climber reaches the ground there is the potential for entrapment. At least two incidents are known to have occurred between 2015 and 2019 which required children to be cut free.

Tasks

Refer to the manufacturer for comment and confirmation of the safety of this item.

Risk level:

Low

Risk score:

5

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Maintenance Finding

Description

RoSPA is concerned by accidents on some types of overhead ladders and rings. However, there is a strong development value in these items.

Tasks

The protective surface under all bars and rings must be kept in good condition.

Risk level:

■ Low

Risk score:

■ 6

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General Notes

The risk scores are calculated by plotting the likelihood of harm against the severity of the injury sustained. The likelihood is given a score of 1 to 5, and the severity is given a score of 1 to 5. In doing this a matrix is produced which gives a numerical assessment of the risk on a score of 1 to 25, and a judgement is made as to which risks are low, which are medium and which are high. Risk scores may be adjusted in the light of experience and therefore may not be exactly as per the table. For example, a score of 7 may be noted.

Risks are calculated in this way:

1. An assessment of the likelihood of harm taking place is made using the numbers 1 to 5, by following these descriptions:
 - a. 1 = Rare
 - b. 2 = Unlikely
 - c. 3 = Moderate
 - d. 4 = Likely
 - e. 5 = Certain
2. An assessment of the severity of the injury sustained is made using the numbers 1 to 5, by following these descriptions:
 - a. 1 = Insignificant
 - b. 2 = Minor
 - c. 3 = Moderate
 - d. 4 = Major
 - e. 5 = Catastrophic
3. The two numbers are multiplied to give a risk score on a scale of 1 to 25.
4. Scores of 1 to 7 inclusive are considered to be low risk and are considered to be tolerable where this is the innate risk of the item, but where remedial works are identified these should be undertaken,
5. Scores of 8 to 12 are considered to be medium risk and some control measures may be identified to reduce the risks to low, tolerable levels,
6. Score of 13 and above are considered to be high risk and urgent action is considered to be necessary to reduce the risks to tolerable levels.

General Notes

It is important to note that where an outcome is catastrophic, but for which the likelihood is rare this will present a score of $1 \times 5 = 5 =$ low risk. Similarly, a certain event for which the consequence is insignificant will present a score of $5 \times 1 = 5 =$ low risk. It is important to consider likelihood and consequence, and not just one of the factors in isolation.

The multiplication of the factors into a risk matrix is given here in Table 1, with a judgement made as to risk scoring indicated by colour.

Green = LOW risk, Amber = MEDIUM risk, Red = HIGH risk.

Table 1 – Risk Score Matrix

		Severity				
L i k e l i h o o d		1 Insignifi- cant	2 Minor	3 Moderate	4 Major	5 Catastro- phic
	1 = Rare	1 LOW	2 LOW	3 LOW	4 LOW	5 LOW
	2 = Unlikely	2 LOW	4 LOW	6 LOW	8 MEDIUM	10 MEDIUM
	3 = Moderate	3 LOW	6 LOW	9 MEDIUM	12 MEDIUM	15 HIGH
	4 = Likely	4 LOW	8 MEDIUM	12 MEDIUM	16 HIGH	20 HIGH
	5 = Certain	5 LOW	10 MEDIUM	15 HIGH	20 HIGH	25 HIGH

General Notes

Inspection Scope

The inspections are undertaken using the RPII's inspection scope.

Compliance with Standards

Inspections are undertaken with reference to the appropriate standards, which are listed next to each item. Compliance with these standards is not mandatory in law, but it is useful to know whether items comply or not. If we think a change is needed, then this is noted in our report. Non-compliance does not necessarily mean that a change is needed. Where a standard is undated the current version is applied, unless overlap periods are allowed by the standards committee at the time of update. The information provided herein is to assist the owner/operator to fulfil its responsibilities as detailed in the relevant standards. Other standards referenced within the listed standards do not form part of this inspection, unless they are also explicitly listed here.

The listed standards are relevant to all installations of equipment which are publicly accessible, including public parks, pay to play parks, schools, nurseries, public houses, holiday parks, indoor play centres, farm parks and the like. All equipment used in publicly accessible areas should meet with the requirements of the relevant listed standard.

Additionally, EN 1176-7 provides guidance on installation, inspection, maintenance and operation to owners/operators of equipment and ancillary items. In the United Kingdom the National Foreword forms an important part to the understanding and implementation of the recommendations set out in EN 1176-7. It clarifies the application of the document within the UK as best practice guidance, as the document has been used since its initial publication. Therefore the EN 1176-7 contains no requirement in the UK and needs to be read and implemented as guidance, with the use of the terms 'shall' therefore becoming a recommendation, as in the term 'should'.

Domestic equipment falls outside the scope of standards for publicly accessible spaces. Domestic play equipment has its own standard (BS EN 71 – Safety of Toys). Where domestic equipment can be identified this will be acknowledged in the report, but compliance may be assessed to the applicable standard relating to publicly accessible equipment.

When water play items, including spray parks, are inspected any comments concerning compliance within the inspection will refer to EN 1176. We have not assessed these against the requirements of EN 17232 (Water play equipment and features).

Compliance with standards is not always a clear-cut thing. Some interpretation can be needed, and our interpretation may differ from the interpretation of others. In some cases, we may decide not to note non-compliance in cases where we think it may mislead or be unhelpful so to do.



General Notes

What We Inspect

Annual and Post Installation inspections will take into consideration compliance with current standards and defects related to wear and vandalism. Items not listed in the report have not been included in the inspection. The inspection will cover the playground equipment and the active area (that area which is obviously part of the playground), nominally up to 3.0 metres around, the fence line if closer, or other areas as agreed.

Operational inspections only take into consideration defects related to cleanliness, equipment ground clearances, ground surface finishes, exposed foundations, sharp edges, missing parts, excessive wear (of moving parts), structural integrity, wear and vandalism. Routine visual inspections (if undertaken) relate only to the most obvious defects such as broken or missing parts, vandalism and issues created by severe weather conditions (the intention is to identify hazards created by storm damage).

The inspection is non-dismantling, non-destructive and does not include any structural, toxicology or impact assessments defined in the standard; however, the inspector will undertake a manual test for stability and if equipment fails under manual load, or any other hazard is identified as an unacceptable risk, the owner/operator will be notified as soon as practicably possible.

The inspector will access all reasonably accessible equipment and will assess all reasonably accessible parts above the standing surface. Where it is not possible to access parts of the equipment without employing an alternative means of access the report will record the action required by the owner/operator to ensure the continued safe use of the equipment. Ancillary equipment will be assessed using the inspector's knowledge and experience of the standards named in this document to ensure as far as is reasonably practicable the continued safe use of the items concerned. The owner/operator is responsible for the overall safety of the equipment and area. Inspectors who are trained to use ladders may use them where it is safe to do so, but if members of the public are present on site ladders may not be used to access the equipment.

What We Don't Inspect

The inspector will not undertake any of the following works unless specifically agreed in writing at the time of order:

Checking the depth and underlying structural integrity of any surface areas and/or carrying out any testing of impact absorbing properties of any surfaces. The identification of any corrosion, rot or other deterioration in any apparatus or equipment other than by an external inspection or the inspection of any equipment (or part thereof) that is underground or beneath the playing surface. Tightening any bolts, hinges or other fixing devices on any apparatus or equipment. Assessing or inspecting any electrical installations contained on any site and/or apparatus and/or equipment. Assessing or inspecting any water supplies and/or water features and/or any associated computerised systems (including carrying out any programming).



General Notes

The owner/operator should have a 'design risk assessment' provided by the manufacturer/designer of the area for the equipment and location in which the facility is installed.

We have inspected without dismantling or destruction and so some aspects of the relevant standards may not be testable on site.

The operator is responsible for managing risks of their provision and is required by law to carry out a 'suitable and sufficient assessment' of the risks associated with a site or activity and this inspection shall be considered as contributing to the operator's discharge of this responsibility.

Exposure to Risk

Exposure to acceptable levels of risk and challenge is essential to children's development and allows them to exercise their right to play. Therefore, it can be judged that levels of risk above low risk can be acceptable. The risk scores shown allow the operator to make a judgement after first considering the benefit of the activity to which the risk score relates.

Ownership

There may be cases where we report issues that are not the site owner's responsibility. It is not necessarily possible for us to determine who owns what, and in any case we need to bring all risks to your attention if they can affect the safety of the site's users.

Contemporaneous Findings

Our report shows the findings at the time of inspection. Subsequent events may affect the condition of the site. Suggested remedial actions are based upon our knowledge and experience. The owner/operator should seek the advice of the manufacturer or a competent person when undertaking repairs and/or modifications to equipment.

Timber

Where timbers are set into the ground it is not always possible to determine levels of decay. The owner/operator should ensure it conducts appropriate inspections to identify decay before it becomes a problem.

We can undertake more in-depth testing of your playground timbers using resistance penetration.

Timber is known to decay from the inside out. This makes it very important that you ensure proper testing and inspection is undertaken of your playground timbers, especially where defects may be hidden inside the structures. Testing using resistance penetration can help to identify defects before they become outwardly apparent, but can also confirm the condition of good timbers to prevent premature replacement with its associated costs. The testing is undertaken using a specialist machine, which uses electronically controlled drill resistance measurement. The drill is fine enough that it does not cause permanent damage to reduce the lifespan of the equipment.

Please contact us for pricing and further information.

Planting and Trees

Where planting or trees are mentioned in our report, please be advised that we do not undertake any arboricultural, horticultural or toxicological assessment of suitability or condition. You must ensure you undertake suitable inspections from an appropriate expert.



General Notes

How This Inspection Contributes to Your Annual Main Inspection

The owner/operator is responsible for following the guidance of the relevant standards. The standards give guidance on the installation, inspection, maintenance and operation of the various types of facility. The inspection guidance is listed in Table 1, with an indication of which parts will be included in your RoSPA inspection [the items in the first column are the items which comprise an “Annual Main Inspection”, the second column shows which elements form part of a RoSPA inspection, items with a cross are not included, some items may have limitations as shown in the notes to the Table 1). The standards also contain additional parts which the owner/operator should follow.

Table 1

Inspection Recommendations of relevant standards These form the Annual Main Inspection	Included in RoSPA Inspection?
6.1 d) Overall levels of safety of equipment (see note 1)	✓ [1]
6.1 d) Overall levels of safety of foundations (see note 1)	✓ [1]
6.2 d) Overall levels of safety of playing surfaces (see note 2)	✓ [2]
6.1 d) Compliance with the relevant parts of the standard and or risk assessment (see note 3)	✓ [3]
6.1 d) Effects of weather	✓
6.1 d) Presence of rot, decay or corrosion (see note 1)	✓ [1]
6.1 d) Assessment of repairs made or added or replaced components (see note 4)	✓ [4]
6.1 d) Excavation or dismantling/additional measures	✗
6.2.1 Assessment of glass reinforced plastics (see note 5)	✓ [5]
6.2.1 Inspection of one post equipment (see note 1)	✓ [1]
6.2.4 Undertaking the Operators inspection protocol	✓
6.2 c) Presence of rot or corrosion (see note 2)	✓ [2]
6.2 c) Assessment of repairs made/added or replaced components (see note 5)	✗
<p>N.B. The clause numbers above are taken from BS EN 1176-7:2020. The content is equally applicable to all other relevant standards. Playgrounds contains a range of equipment from different manufacturers and installed over a number of years; operators should implement any guidance provided by the manufacturer. Item specific detail is not readily available to RPII Playground Inspectors, whose report contributes to the operator’s overall Annual Main Inspection as details in the relevant standard.</p> <p>Notes</p> <p>[1] A manual test only is undertaken for stability. Wear and instability are only detectable where readily apparent without dismantling or destruction and without the use of tools, excavation or specialist equipment. Rot and corrosion are tested for with a hammer and/or steel rod. Decay in timber may exist which can only be found with specialist equipment. We therefore cannot be held responsible for the presence of such decay.</p> <p>[2] Only the visible condition and dimensional compliance of surface extent is considered. Neither testing of impact attenuating properties nor measurement of the thickness of bound surfaces are undertaken on annual inspections. We can conduct impact testing for additional fees.</p> <p>[3] The inspection assesses compliance where this can be tested on site using manual methods without dismantling, destruction and without the use of tools or specialist equipment</p> <p>[4] The operator should use manufacturer’s recommended parts, or equivalent. We are unable to verify if such parts have been used, and any subsequent change in quality or performance</p> <p>[5] Visible glass fibres will be noted in reports. The operator is responsible for repairs or replacement.</p>	

EN 1176 Notes – Summary of Requirements

PROTECTION AGAINST INJURIES IN THE FREE SPACE

* No obstacles in the minimum space (other than structures to assist or safeguard the user)

* Traffic flows should not go through the minimum space

PROTECTION AGAINST INJURIES IN THE FALLING SPACE

* Free height of fall should not exceed 3m * No obstacles in the falling space * Platforms with fall heights of more than 1m between them require surfacing

PROTECTION AGAINST INJURIES DUE TO OTHER TYPES OF MOVEMENT

* No unexpected obstacles

SURFACING SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

* Surfacing should have no sharp edges or protrusions * Loose fills should be 100mm more than the depth required to meet the HIC reading (usually 200mm) * Hard surfaces should only be used outside where children fall * Testable Impact absorbing surfaces if falls over 600mm are possible. Topsoil or turf may be used up to 1m

DESIGN AND MANUFACTURE

* The equipment must be suitable for the user and risks should be identifiable by the child * Accessibility: adults must be able to gain access to help children * Grip requirements: permitted diameter 16 - 45mm (i.e. overhead bars) * Grasp requirements: maximum diameter 60mm (e.g. handrails on steps)

* Requirements for easily accessible equipment

FINISHING

* Timber species and synthetics should be splinter resistant * No protrusions or sharp-edged components * Bolts should not protrude by more than 8mm * Corners, edges or projecting parts over 8mm should have a 3mm radius. * No hard and sharp-edged parts (e.g. razor blade effect caused by sheet steel) * No crushing or shearing points

* Connections should not come loose by themselves and should resist removal. * Timber connections should not rely solely on screws or nails. * Leaking lubricants should not stain or impair the safety of the equipment

FIBRE ROPES

* Conform to EN 701 or 919 or have a material and load certificate

* Ropes used by hands shall have a soft, non-slip covering

WIRE ROPES

* Non-rotating and corrosion resistant with no splayed wires outside the ferrule * Wire connector clip threads should protrude less than 8mm * Turnbuckles should be enclosed, have a loop at each end and be secured

CHAINS

* Maximum opening of individual links: 8.6mm in any one direction.

* Connecting links between chains must be less than 8.6mm or over 12mm

SWINGING SUSPENDED ROPES

* Not combined with swings in the same bay * Less than 2m long: over 600mm from static parts; over 900mm from swinging parts * 2m - 4m long: over 1000mm from anything * Diameter: 25 - 45mm

CLIMBING ROPES

* Anchored at both ends and movement less than 20% of rope length

* Single climbing rope diameter: 18 - 45mm (nets comply with Grip requirements)

ENTRAPMENTS

* Entrapment: a place from which children cannot extricate themselves unaided There are six probes: the Torso Probe, the Large Head Probe, The Small Head probe, the Wedge Probe and the two Finger Rods. There is a toggle test to reduce the dangers of clothing toggles being caught on slides, fireman's poles and roofs, and a ring gauge to test for rocker hand/foot rest protrusions.

BRIDGES

* The space between the flexible bridge and rigid sides should be not less than 230mm

ENTRAPMENT OF FEET AND LEGS

* Inclined planes (not suspension bridges) less than 38° should have no gaps over 30mm

* There are no requirements for suspension bridge gaps other than the main entrapment requirements

FINGER ENTRAPMENTS

These occur in: 1. gaps where child's movement may cause a finger to become stuck; 2. open-ended tubes; 3. moving gaps

* Tube ends should be securely enclosed and removable only with tools

* Moving gaps should not close to less than 12mm

BARRIERS AND GUARD-RAILS

* Hand-rail: a rail to help the child balance * Guard-rail: a rail to prevent children falling * Barrier: a guard-rail with non-climbable in-fill

HAND-RAILS

* Where required they should be between 600 and 850mm above the standing surface

EQUIPMENT FOR UNDER 3'S

* Platforms over 600mm require a barrier with a minimum height of 700mm high + impact absorbing surfacing

EQUIPMENT FOR OVER 3'S

* Platforms up to 1000mm: No barriers or guard-rails required + impact absorbing surface over * Platforms 1000-2000mm: 600 - 850mm high guard-rail + impact absorbing surfacing * Platforms 2000-3000mm: 700mm high barrier + impact absorbing surfacing * No bars, infills or steps which can be used as steps. Tops should discourage standing or sitting

MEANS OF ACCESS

The main change in this area is that the probes should now be applied to accesses. All means of access should have no entrapments; be securely fixed; be level to $\pm 3^\circ$ (ramps across width) and have a constant angle. It does not refer to agility equipment used as an access i.e. arched climbers, scramble nets. There are specific measurements for ladders, stairs and ramps.

EN 1176 Notes – Summary of Requirements

SWINGS

The main changes relate to requirements for new types of swings, dimensions and surfacing areas.

REQUIREMENTS

* No all rigid suspension members (i.e. solid bar top to bottom) * Design should be principally for use by seated children (RoSPA interpretation) * Two seats per bay maximum. Do not mix cradle and flat seats in same bay * Some types of swings have slightly different requirements. Information should be obtained from the supplier * Single points swing chains should not twist round each other * Single point swings require a secondary bearing support mechanism

DIMENSIONS

* Minimum ground clearance at rest: 350mm (400mm for single point swings and tyres) * No maximum seat surface height but RoSPA recommends a max. height of 635mm for cradles and flat seats * Distance between seat and frame: 20% of swing suspension + 200mm * Distance between seats: 20% of the swing suspension + 300mm * Pivot splay (separation distance) at crossbar: width between seat fixings plus 5% of swing suspension length

SITING

* Swing sets for young children should be separated from those for older children and sited to avoid cross traffic

SURFACING REQUIREMENTS

Forward and Back

* Different areas for synthetic and loose-fill surfaces in a box or pit. Measurements each way are: 1. synthetic: 0.867 x length of suspension member + 1.75m 2. loose-fill: 0.867 x length of suspension member + 2.25m

Side width

* Seat width no greater than 500mm: 1.75m minimum (i.e. .875m each way from seat centre)

* Areas for two seats in one bay may overlap providing the distance between seats is correct

Single point swings

* Circular area with a radius equal to the Forward and Backward figure for other swings

SLIDES

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

* Free-standing slides: the max. vertical height which a stairway can reach without a change of direction is 2.5m. * Starting section at the top of each chute: length 350mm minimum, zero to 5° downwards at the centre line.

N.B. This can be the platform if the slide is attached to it * If the starting section is over 400mm long, platform requirements apply *

From a platform, the gap to the slide is the same width as the slide * Attachment slides over 1m free fall height should have starting section barriers 500mm min. high at one point * Attachment slides over 1m FFH should have a guard-rail across the entrance at a ht. of between 700-900mm

Sliding sections

* Maximum angle: 60° at any one point and an average of 40° * The width of open and straight slides over 1500mm long should be less than 700mm or greater than 950mm * Spiral or curved slides should have a width less than 700mm

RUN -OUTS

* Run-outs of at least 300mm are required if the sliding section is under 1.5m long. * Additional requirements are required for different types of slides * Average angle of run-outs: DIN type 10° (BS type) 5° (both downwards) * Height of run-out: Less than 1.5m sliding length: max. 200mm. Greater than 1.5m sliding length: max. 350mm * Users should come to a stop on the run-out section (BS type only)

* Chutes should have a side height related to the fall height: 1.2m: 100mm minimum : 1.2m - 2.5m: 150mm minimum : Over 2.5m: 500mm minimum

* Maximum side angle from slide bed: 30° * Tops of sides should be rounded or radiused to at least 3mm * Tunnel slides should be a minimum 750mm high and 750mm wide * Tunnels should start on or at the end of the starting section and be continuous over the sliding section only

SURFACING REQUIREMENTS

Normal distances except for the run-out which should be: * DIN type: 1m each side and 2m beyond (or just 1.5m beyond for short slides) * BS type: 1m each side and 1m beyond

CABLE RUNWAYS

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

* Stop at end should progressively slow down the traveller * Traveller should not be removable except with tools * No access to internal mechanism * Suspension mechanism: flexible, exclude risk of strangulation or be at least 2m above the ground in the middle * Where children hang by the hands, the grip should not be enclosed (i.e. a loop)

* Climbing should be discouraged onto the grip * Children should be able to get off the seat at any time (i.e. no loops or straps) *

Maximum loaded (69.5kg) speed is 7m per second * If two cables are placed parallel the min. distance between them is 2m

IMPACT AREAS

* 2m either side of main cable

ROTATING ITEMS

The main changes are in clearer separation into different types. A change in the clearance between the underside and the ground will affect older items. The change should provide greater safety. NOTE: Rotating items under 500mm diameter are excluded from these requirements

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

* Maximum free height of fall: 1000mm (For overhead items: 1500 - 3000mm) * Max. speed at periphery under reasonable use: 5m per second. As no method is given, this cannot be tested * Hand grips should be between 16 - 45mm

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

There are specific requirements for different types of roundabout. The two most common ones are:

Platform roundabouts:



EN 1176 Notes – Summary of Requirements

* Platforms should be circular and enclosed * All parts should revolve in the same direction * No super-structure over the edge of the platform * Mechanism should be enclosed * Height between underside and ground 60 – 110mm for 300mm in * Protective skirts should be of rigid material and have no burrs or other defects * The bottom edge should be flared towards the inside or protected

Giant revolving discs

* Clearance of underside at lowest point: 300mm * Max. platform height: 1m * Free space: 3m * Upper surface should be continuous, smooth and with no handles or grips * Underside should be continuous, smooth and without any radial variations (i.e. spokes) or indentations

MINIMUM SPACE

* Free space: Horizontal: 2m all round * Vertical head clearance from platform: sitting 1.5m ; standing 1.8m * Small rotating items under 500mm diameter are excluded but RoSPA suggests as for rocking items

SURFACING REQUIREMENTS

* There are no special extra requirements for surfacing areas * Surfaces should be continuous underneath and level

ROCKING ITEMS

DEFINITIONS

* Rocking equipment which can be moved by the user and is supported from below

* Damping: any movement restricting device. (N.B. Springs are treated as self-damping)

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

* Throughout the range of movement gaps in all accessible joints should be under 12mm * Progressive restraint at extremity of movement is required * Foot rests should be provided where the ground clearance is less than 230mm * Hand grips should be provided for each seat or standing position

* Foot rests and hand grips should be firmly fixed and non-rotating * Hand grip diameter: 16 - 45mm (for toddler items: 30mm maximum) * Right -angled corners on moving equipment should be 20mm radius min. (e.g. a bird's beak)

MINIMUM SPACE

* 1000mm between items at maximum movement.

SURFACING REQUIREMENTS

There are no special extra requirements for surfacing areas

INSTALLATION, INSPECTION, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION

SAFETY

* Appropriate safety systems must be established by the operator * No access should be allowed to unsafe equipment or areas * Records should be kept by the playground operator * Effectiveness of safety measures should be assessed annually * Signs should be provided giving owner details and emergency service contact points * Entrances for emergency services should be freely accessible * Information on accidents should be kept (RoSPA has a suitable form)

* Staff and users should be safe during maintenance operations

INSPECTION

* Manufacturers will recommend the inspection frequency although some sites may need a daily check

Frequency

Routine visual inspections: identification of hazards from vandalism, use or weather conditions (RoSPA recommends a recorded daily or weekly inspection) Operational inspection: every 1 -3 months or as recommended. Checks operation, stability, wear etc. Annual main inspection: checks long-term levels of safety

* An inspection schedule should be prepared for each playground, listing components and methods

* Appropriate action should be taken if defects are noted

ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

* Basic routine maintenance details should be supplied by the manufacturer

CORRECTIVE MAINTENANCE

* This covers remedial work and repairs as required * Alterations should only be carried out after consultation & agreement with the supplier or a competent person



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