



Quarterly Playground Inspections – 1 December 2023

Summary of Findings – 6 December 2023

On 1 December 2023 Inspector Richard Randall from Dick Randall Services inspected all five play areas within Worplesdon parish. This is a summary of findings from all five reports:

Fairlands Play Area

Surfaces – where the rubber meets the path at the field end of the play area, the rubber is shrinking back which could cause a trip hazard. **(Low Risk)**

White House Lane, Jacobs Well Play Area

Rubber mulch – There are patches of weeds growing through the surfacing. The advice of the inspector is that a good weed killer is applied to the affected surfaces and the play area closed off for the 2 days. Failure to utilise weedkiller could lead to the rubber breaking up by it being forced apart. **(Low Risk)**

Rubber mulch – A distinct dip has appeared beneath the cradle seat. This is most likely due to the proximity to the pond and the stone/soil sub-base being washed away. There are also weeds growing in the mulch beneath the cradle/companion seat swing – treat the area with a good weedkiller. **(Low Risk – Monitor for further subsidence)**

Wood Street Green Play Seat Area

No areas of concern – all in good order.

Worplesdon Play Area

Worplesdon Junior/Teen Area

The bearing on the green whizzer is still stiff – consider regreasing/replacing. **(Medium Risk)**

The bearing on the yellow whizzer is still intermittently stiff – consider regreasing/replacing. **(Low Risk)**

The new seats on the Typhoon seem a little on the low side but the item is in good order.

Worplesdon Toddler Area

Double swing bay – There is rust showing on the crossbar joints (please note that it is not about to fall down anytime soon) – and whilst insignificant at present, it will only deteriorate. Consider a rub down and a repaint of the whole frame in Spring 2024. **(Low Risk)**