

Clerk Report

a) Quarterly Operational Play Inspection Update

I have tried to source additional quotations for the playground inspections from Midland Playscape and HAGS, no response has been received to date.

The previous quotes are listed below:

Kompan - Operational Inspections in December, March and June at 2 sites – Unit price per inspection £80.00

Three inspections per year = £240.00 per site, 2 sites = **£480.00** total cost per annum (excluding repairs)

They provide full reports after each visit with a free no- obligation quotation for any items with a risk score of 10 or above. If we provide a copy of the Annual independent inspection, they will also provide a quotation for any works with a risk score of 10 or over identified in this report.

Sovereign Compliance Plus - £998 for 3 years of cover per site, 1st year free (worth £499) begin paying from the 2nd year. 3 Operational inspections per year with comprehensive safety and maintenance reports, essential maintenance and repairs included, third party equipment covered. Unit price per inspection £110.89 (including minor repairs) ongoing cost after initial 3 years £499 per year = £166.33 per inspection (including minor repairs)

Further correspondence has been received from Sovereign as they have launched new inspection and maintenance packages from November.

Their pricing is now as follows:

Best Value - 3 years of cover at £242 per annum (paid via DD)

Or if the Council would prefer to trial this instead 1 year of cover is now available at a cost of £269 (paid by DD)

This covers two operational inspections per year with full reports, 3rd party equipment cover and essential repairs and maintenance

All Inspectors are fully trained in repairs and maintenance & where possible minor works will be resolved during your inspections. Works including, but not limited to:

- Replacement of caps
- Tightening of any fixtures & fittings
- Minor repairs
- On a returning visit re-fortification of loose posts

Additionally they can supply a quotation for third party play equipment repairs.

b) General Maintenance

- i) Spring Rocker – repair required, should Council arrange to temporarily remove this until repairs can be carried out, or shall we request A. Robey ensures it continues to be taped up at his weekly inspections?
- ii) Noticeboards – Wigginton - A coat of stain has been applied in November. In Spring a second coat to be done applied in Wigginton and a top-up coat at Hopwas. Comberford Noticeboard has repairs scheduled with a contractor who has failed to carry out the work. Further quotations to repair and maintain this board are required.
- iii) Hedges on A51 at the Bus Shelter (opp Tame Otter) have now been cut by SCC, who have also put this hedge on the annual cutting schedule (usually start of October)
- iv) Sign Technology have updated the signage at Hopwas Playing Field & Comberford Millennium Green.



- v) Stop, Look, Listen Sign – Do Council wish to install these towards A51 (there is currently one of these at the Nursery Road End)
- vi) Garden Waste Bin £36 for 2023 – to order again from LDC for HPF.

c) Correspondence

- i) Resident contacted PC on 25th November to report an incident on Nursery Lane and concerns regarding road safety, resident was signposted to Staffordshire County Council as they are responsible for Highways & Road Safety. A link to their advice on road safety was provided.
- ii) General correspondence forwarded to Councillors.

d) Parish Online (Digital Mapping Software) / Maintenance of Grass Verges

No further update to report.