

Wistow Playground

Position: High risk multi-play equipment

At the Council meeting on 30.09.25 it was resolved to remove the multi-play equipment following the annual inspection from the Play Inspection Company who deemed the multi-play High Risk and rotten and to look for grant funding for its replacement. The Clerk met with Online Playgrounds on 01.10.25 at the playing field in Wistow to provide a quote/ design for the replacement.

Upon inspection, Baz Smith (BS) of Online Playgrounds undertook a very detailed review of the multi-play equipment and said that in his opinion there only needs to be 2 new steel bottom posts installed to rectify the issue as everything else on the multi-play is low risk. He did say that the climbing net does need replacing as the metal rope is now visible which can cause damage easily. BS asked for a copy of the inspection report which the Clerk sent across to him to study in detail to ensure what his physical inspection says matches up to what the inspector's report says.

Following a review of the inspector's report, BS reported that the monkey rings should be removed due to the rotten beam and that the climbing piece located on the mound should be removed given how high the equipment. He confirmed that only 2 posts need replacing on the multi-play equipment as the remaining equipment is solid. He also recommended that the net is replaced as well.

BS said you have 2 options:

Option 1

Replace the posts, install a new climbing net and replace the wooden beam on the monkey bars which will be an all-inclusive price of £2,941.70 plus VAT (£3,530.04.) This will allow the community to use the same and the Council can look to add more play equipment to the play park as/when grant funding permits it. BS also recommends that we remove the high climbing equipment. This could all be sorted in less than 6 weeks.

Option 2

Remove the multi-play equipment and replace subject to grant funding. This can take a minimum of 6 months.

Clerks Recommendation: Removal of high climbing equipment identified above and proceed with option 1 above.

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