

CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

Leisure & Amenities 23rd November 2021

An update on Facilities in Cambourne since 21st September 2021.

7.1 BURIAL GROUND

There has been one ashes interment.

It is:

RECOMMENDED that the report be received.

7.2 ALLOTMENTS

The majority of the renewal forms and tenancy agreements have been returned and those who are late to return them have been followed up with.

There are 5 vacant full plots at Crow Hill and 4 vacant half plots and 4 vacant full plots at Brace Dein. Those on the waiting list will be contacted shortly.

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7.3 PLAYGROUNDS, OPEN SPACES, SKATE PARK AND FOOTPATHS

Playgrounds

Wet pour at the Great Cambourne Play Park is continuing to be ripped up and the ground staff are repeatedly repairing to make the park safe for use.

The Town Clerk, Head Groundsman and Team Leader had a walk around and meetings regarding long term issues in the Play Areas. Full report below:

Lower Cambourne Play Park

The fence and gates need plates welding on the holes on top as we cannot get the right size inserts.

Tyre swings- replace the beams and upright due to wood rot or alternative depending on cost.

Large Tower- We have replaced the roof due to rot. The ground and first floor the floorboards need replacing due to rot.

Side panels are faded and rotting at least 1 need's replacing and the others either need replacing or painting and replacing in the future.

Small tower need's repainting.

Just renovated the climbing wall due to rot but the floor at the top needs replacing due to rot.

Bridge end needs replacing.

Wood at the bottom of the climbing net needs replacing.

Caps on bolts need replacing

Wet pour safety surface needs attention in a couple of spots due to shrinkage.

Horse and cart- has been removed because of rot and needs replacing.

Baby tower- one step is rotting and needs replacing.

The roof needs refitting and the tower needs staining.

Baby Swings beams-monitor for rot

The swings need cleaning

Look at putting in a gate so we can use the ride on mower with the extra grass to maintain.

Green monkey bars and balance beams, monkey bars taken down due to rotten uprights. The bars are fine but need to replace uprights.

The balance beam and post are being monitored for rot and will need replacing soon.

The totem poles with shields- all need removing apart from two due to rot.

Multi-play climbing net- one pole is rotten and needs replacing. Caps.

All wet pour needs landscaping topped with topsoil and overseed.

Eco Park

Look in to making the park more for small children/toddlers.

Wet pour is shrinking, which is also causing the curb stones on the edges to move. Replace all wet pour other than wet pour in the mounds and slide with grass and grass safe mats.

Climbing net is worn and needs replacing.

Single point swing- The beam needs taking off due to rot and splits where the bolts hold it together.

Need to replace equipment with toddlers' equipment.

Picnic benches x3- one has been removed and all three benches need replacing due to rot/vandalism

Logs/balance logs- need removing, all due to rot.

Benches, both need painting.

The slide needs replacing due to the number of repairs already made to it, replace broken post.

Seesaw- need to have a look at the damaged bolt and replace/or weld together

All the drums were removed due to vandalism.

Baby swings need to be cleaned.

Teenage hangout- new bolt. Repaint due to graffiti. Take up wet pour and remove broken equipment and grass over.

Trim trail has been removed and needs fully replacing due to rot.

Great Cambourne Play Park

Gate- Spring broken on gate needs replacing

Big swings- seats need replacing due to wear

Tower and bridge- bridge taken off due to snapped off bolt. All neds replacing due to rot and end of shelf life

Little slide needs new net due to being work and roof with marine ply due to rot.

Roundabout needs a bolt replacing on handle because one being sheared off, possible fitter error.

Bearings are broke and need replacing

Baby swing- seats need washing

Tractor- steering wheel new bolt

Picnic benches need renovating due to rot.

Wet pour in greater needs replacing due to constant vandalism and shrinkage. Replace with grass and safe mats.

Upper Cambourne Playpark

Water Park. The steps need replacing due to rot. Bowl need's washing out.

Sandpit. The water pump needs replacing due to wear and the steps needs replacing due to rot.

Sand loses about 5 tonne a year, was to be topped up with 20 tonne this year. Look at annually topping up rather than every 4 years.

Hammock needs replacing due to rot.

Bouncing horse- one has been removed look at alternative.

Picnic benches were removed last year

Swinging masts. The seats were taken off due to rot in cross beam and the crossbeam needs replacing.

The Pirate web needs inspecting with cherry picker as the beams could need replacing due to rot.

Safety surface- topsoil under various areas to relevel.

Fence lines on mounds- remove fence up to small poles and dig out concrete, topsoil and landscape.

Any logs monitor for rot and take out then landscape.

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Skate Park

At the time of writing the two outer ramps have been finished with plywood and having the Skatelite board applied. Once the two outer ramps have been completed, they will finish the centre section. The new ramps will then be tested out to ensure everything has been safely installed. The contractors are keeping us up to date on estimated completion date.

A group of teenagers are repeatedly moving the fencing to gain access to the unfinished skate park.

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7.4 PREMISES

The premises continue to be well used by regular and private hirers.

A group of teenagers have been targeting the Hub and Blue School in the evenings. The Town Clerk was called out 2 nights due to the fire alarm being set off by the break glass being broken in the hub and due to the group smoking in the building. Clear CCTV footage from the Hub has been sent to Phil Priestley at Cambourne Village College and a report has been filed with the police. Hirers have also felt intimidated by the group have been contacted by the police and we have been in contact with the hirers who have been affected.

The Blue School has also been vandalised. They set off 11 fire extinguishers in the building, one was found in Jeavons Wood and one is still missing. All fire extinguishers have been replaced and the caretaker has cleaned the building to get it back up to standard for hirers.

An email was sent to all Blue School hirers to remind them to keep the maglock on the front door to stop people who shouldn't be in the building from coming in.

The Lower Cambourne Cricket Pavilion is now being used by the Lateral Flow Testing Centre and it is currently open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 8am-7pm.

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7.5 CAMBOURNE SPORTS FACILITIES

No report was received.

7.6 TRAILER PARK

The Trailer Park currently has 3 vacant plots and there are 0 people on the waiting list.

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