

Appendix

Garvestone & Thuxton Village Hall Trustee Directors' Board Meeting

Monday 29th September 2025 at 2 pm

7.2 Play Area.

As Parish Council Chair and Clerk were present this item was discussed next.

This part of the meeting is planned to allow a greater liaison between the Parish Council and the Village Hall Trustees. In particular the Parish Council have offered to help with management and funding of the upkeep of the play area. The Rospa Report has been shared and ideas of new equipment have been discussed.

SB confirmed that the hedging contractor has been asked for a date to cut the field hedges and to advise JG so that poles and nets can be lowered for access.

DL suggested that she will survey parents for ideas of what would be most wanted play items. These could be purchased through the Parish Council to enable VAT reclaim.

JS suggested that rather than small piece-meal repairs and replacements, the best way forward would be to have a strategic plan for a complete rebuild and funding by grants and possibly sponsorship. SB has experience of putting together such a plan and can suggest companies that we can approach for quotations and ideas.

DL said that although she had co-ordinated the previous bids and design, she felt unable to offer to do that much this time and we need someone else to oversee the process.

The possibility of closing the play area over the winter was discussed as there were safety concerns raised in the Rospa report that may not be easy to fix quickly.

Feedback from parents of users would be required to help design the new layout and support grant applications. The 'Contact Us' form on the hall's website could be used for this as well as personal contact with school parents. Warning signs could be put up on equipment that is in need of repair, but **JS warned of the need to check our insurer's opinion on this. [No action agreed I believe - Ed]**

JS also reported that the contactor, Gary Lake, has agreed to trim around the car-park area and spray the weeds around the perimeter. Cars belonging to the neighbouring residents will need to be moved for that day. **SB to liaise with dates.**