

## PLAY PARK MAINTENANCE – ST MARTIN’S

### Introduction

It was recommended by Eibe that the Cableway should be serviced annually as it is a well-used piece of play equipment. It was resolved to instruct Eibe to conduct the first annual service at the Amenities Committee Meeting on 04 October 2021 (Minute A/21/66). Since the initial service was completed Cranbrook Town Council have approved SNC SW as our preferred play park maintenance contractor.

### Cableway Maintenance

SNC SW has quoted £360.00 (plus VAT) to:

1. Inspect, adjust and lubricate the cableway.
2. Supply and fit the replacement spring brake.

### Flat Swing Repairs

In April 2022 one swing seat needed to be repaired as the chain had become disconnected from the swing. The Council's Ground Maintenance Contractor had carried out immediate repairs with the recommendation to monitor with a view to them needing replacement. The repairs included the use of additional washers, as the holes that the bolts go through had worn over time enlarging the aperture. Eventually the aperture will be larger than the head on the bolt, which could cause the bolt to slip through. It was recommended then to monitor the seats with an expectation to replace them.



During the weekly inspections the flat swing fixtures that connect the chain to the seat are regularly tightened as the screws are old and have been cross threaded.

It will cost £215.60 (Excl VAT) to purchase two Kompan swings and SNC SW have quoted £95.00 (Excl VAT) for the installation. Overall, the swing replacements will cost £310.60 (Excl VAT).

During the annual inspection it was reported that the surfaces and in particular under the swings were in need of repair, however the risk level was recorded as low risk with a score of 4. Therefore, no immediate remedial actions required, but something to be considered within future budgets.

### Completed Repairs

Jamie Menhennett, House 2 Home is the Council's preferred handyman and is authorised to conduct general maintenance repairs across Council property. On receipt of the annual inspection report he has actioned the following:

1. Tightened all the loose fittings on the MUGA fencing
2. Replaced the rotting timber on both Multi-Play Units, including the ramp tread
3. Tightened the loose roof panel on the Multi-Play Unit
4. Replaced the warped timber on the Crawl Tunnel
5. Repaired the back panel of the Play Boat
6. Removed the top section of rotting timber post on the large Toddler Multi-Play unit and sealed the newly cut timber

The works are quoted as £85.00 to replace the temporary cable ties with permanent screw fixings on the Large Toddler Multi-Play unit.

### Shackle Replacements

A number of the shackles and chain connections throughout the play areas have been highlighted as having surface corrosion, this can be removed using steel wire wool. There are also some of these fittings that have an advisory of replacement before they reach 40% wear. These are already being monitored within the PSS Software.

The removal of the surface corrosion can be carried out by the Council's Handyman however when the shackles and links are due to be replaced this will need to be completed by the Council's Play Park Maintenance contractor.

### Recommendation

- a) To approve the service and repair of the cableway at cost of £360.00 (Excl VAT)
- b) To approve the replacement of the flat swings at a total cost of £310.60 (Excl VAT)
- c) To note the repair works completed by House 2 Home, Handyman.