

Play Area Working Party

Monday 16 Feb 2026

Recommendations to Community Assets and Open Spaces 11 March 2026

As requested by the CA&OS Committee, the Play Area Working Party visited play area sites on 16 Feb 2026 to review the single unusable equipment item at the Weirfield and at Maunsell Way and advise on a proposed way forward for the play areas listed below.

Neither the hurricane swing at Maunsell Way or the sky carousel at Weirfield can be repaired.

The Play Area Working Party reviewed alternative exercise equipment options before making the recommendations below. Lisa visited some individual exercise equipment at Town Gardens, Old Town. Informal feedback from Chiseldon Parish Council who have similar equipment is that it is not well used.

The proposed calisthenics unit detailed below uses strength, flexibility, mobility and the person's own body weight to provide a challenging workout. The kit offers a sturdy and flexible framework for workouts which can be used by older children and adults for fitness/play and there are no moving parts to maintain.

Kompan Combi 3 (FSW 103)

This overhead ladder is wide and high to ensure anyone can hang and move freely. To make sure that everyone can reach the overhead ladder, there are 4 stepping pods at different heights. The complete street workout experience features all essential elements while inviting users to creatively find their way from one side to the other. As such, the Combi 3 is perfect for parkour, allowing for an infinite range of movement. The Handstand Wall is a perfect spot for working on the handstand or handstand push-up techniques. The Pull-Up Bar is made from solid steel and has a diameter of Ø32 mm, an ideal size for both men and women to have a good grip. As the Bar hangs at a height of 233cm, everyone will be able to hang freely and use the bar for a variety of pull-ups. This is suitable for ages thirteen to adult.



Weirfield

1. Youth shelter to be rubbed down and repainted/resprayed in bright colours by WWPC Grounds Team as it looks tatty and uninviting with sandpaper, paint/spray paint to a maximum cost of £300.
2. WWPC Grounds Team to, as previously agreed, remove old bench in hedgeline which is in a very poor state of repair. WWPC GT consider suitability of replacing this with an existing surplus metal bench which is being stored by them.
3. Community Projects and Events Officer to scope and arrange for removal broken sky carousel equipment by WWPC GT or the appointed play area installation contractor to a maximum cost of £500.
4. Community Projects and Grants Officer to order Kompan Combi 3 calisthenics unit to be installed on grass matting which can be used by teenagers and adults for body weight exercises such as chin ups, tricep dips etc and has no moving parts to the maximum value of £15,000 with exact location at Weirfield to be decided by Play Area Working Party in consultation with the Clerk.
5. As there has been no budget provision made for the works listed above in item 1, 3 and 4 the recommendation is that monies are taken from CIL Funds 341 which are due to expire if unspent in November 2028. Total available is £58,064.

Maunsell Way

6. The hurricane swing equipment which no longer works but has been decommissioned and remains in a safe condition, will remain in situ.
7. This old fashioned play area with some younger children's equipment on bark chippings and others for older children on the grass which is around 25 years old and has limited play value is replaced in budget year 27/28.
8. Community Projects and Events Officer to obtain an indicative quote from Kompan to include young children's play equipment, older children's play equipment and exercise equipment with: wet pour rubber surface to be specified under younger children's play equipment as a minimum, high quality, hot dip galvanized stainless steel finish equipment and to include installation of an accessible path to allow pushchair and wheelchair use.
9. Community Projects and Events officer to purchase a Glasdon Clifton traditional style picnic bench made from brown recycled composite plastic not exceeding £700 plus installation costs of £200 for outside the Maunsell Way Pavilion. As there is no budget provision made for this, the recommendation is that CIL Funds 341 which are due to expire if unspent in November 2028. Total available is £58,064.
10. Exact siting of picnic bench to be discussed and finalised with Chair of CA&OS and WWPC Head of Grounds Team.

11. WWPC Grounds Team to assemble/install picnic bench before Summer 2026.

Beranburh Play Area

12. Existing play equipment and surfacing is pressure washed/moss remover machined by the WWPC GT to remove algae and moss.
13. Existing picnic table and bench and freestanding bench to remain in situ for those wishing to enjoy a picnic.
14. Monies transferred from SBC are ringfenced for ongoing maintenance and repair of equipment, inspections, grounds cost and mature tree work over the period of the 21 year, soon to be amended Beranburh lease. As an when play equipment becomes unusable and needs to be decommissioned, recommendation that there is a review future use of site for recreation and leisure. (Please refer to separate agenda item relating to Heads of Term for the extended lease).