



# RADFORD SEMELE PARISH COUNCIL

## **Radford Semele Annual Parish Meeting 2021**

### **Annual Report on Playing Field and Play Equipment**

#### *Playground Equipment*

The playground continues to be popular with parents and children and the play equipment is very well used. Due to Covid restrictions the children's playground and remote items of play equipment were closed off for a period of 3 months, re-opening in July.

Regular inspections of the equipment are carried out and some maintenance work was undertaken in the children's playground to repair areas of flexible surfacing and to replace the two cradle seats on the swing.

#### *The Playing Field Works*

The grass is cut by contractors on a regular basis during the growing season and we work to ensure the field is safe to access and use. Litter on the playing field is also collected on a weekly basis.

The trees and shrubs around the perimeter of the grounds are regularly inspected and they are pruned when necessary to keep the growth in check. One large tree with branches overhanging the corner of the children's playground was pruned both for safety reasons and to provide more light to that area.

Back in March 2020 a sapling taken from the 200 year old pear tree in Cubbington was planted on the playing field. This special tree was planted to say thank you to former Councillor Henry Marriott for his many years of public service that he has given to the village.

With regard to the football pitch goal posts, new fixings were attached to hang the nets.

A group of councillors undertook work to reclaim and tidy up the ground at the rear of the old lodge site at the West side of the Playing Field planting fresh shrubs and trees and re-seeding the grass after the boundary fence was reinstated by builders, AC Lloyd.

Some of the items of playing field equipment are in need of modernisation and replacement. Plans are in place to install a new cableway (zip wire) and refurbish the skateboard park in the next few months.

Funding is being sought to set up an outdoor gym on the playing field for use by those people over 14 years of age and upwards.

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Playing Field Committee