

**WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Planning, Leisure & Environment Committee**

**Play and Wheels Track Update**

**1. Play Areas**

- **Bess Road**  
Equipment and fencing has now been delivered. The West Swindon Parish Team are starting the full refurbishment of the Bess Road toddler play area.
- **Westlea Park**  
Grading out of the sleeper beds to be started, steps to be left in situ and area to be mown or strimmed thereafter.  
Stone path to be dusted.
- **Shaw Ridge**  
Rotten timber edges will be removed and graded out. At the end of the Summer holidays, the balance board and roundabout will be removed and the ground graded.
- **Plattes Close**  
A draft letter to notify residents of the proposed changes is attached to this report. A review of Bess Road toddler play installation will take place before tendering for designs.
- **Play Equipment**  
Basket swings have been replaced at Clayhill Copse and Bess Road.  
New steps have been installed at The Chesters tree slide.  
Securing a new swing set for Whitehill park is underway alongside repairs to the climbing wall.
- **Play Leases**  
There has been recent dialogue between Swindon Borough Council's solicitor and the Parish Council's solicitor. Minor amendments to the original lease proposed by Swindon Borough Council. This should be finally resolved shortly.

**2. Wheels Track**

- 2.1 Four One Four are ready to begin the extension of the Rivermead skate park with the addition of the multi wheels pump track. Swindon Borough Council Planning have granted the Certificate of Lawfulness (Proposed) so a start date should be confirmed imminently.

### **3. Financial Implications**

- 3.1 The proposed refurbishment to the play areas is contained within the existing Play Area budget for 2022-23.
- 3.2 The expansion of the skate park at Rivermead is funded through a combination of external grant funding, councillor donations and the play refurbishment budget for 2021-22.

### **4. Recommendations**

- 4.1 That the updates to the play areas are noted
- 4.2 The correspondence to Plattes Close is noted and any further actions identified

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Appendices:  
Plattes Close draft Letter  
Certificate of Lawfulness (proposed)