

## **PETITION – INFANT FACILITIES POOLES LANE PLAYSPACE**

### **1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 A petition has been received signed by 180 people, regarding a lack of infant / toddler equipment in the Pooles Lane playspace. The petition is attached. The petition was received via Hullbridge Parish Council and an initial response has been sent to both the Parish Council and the person who presented the petition.

### **2 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 Pooles Lane playspace was included in the Playspace Rolling Programme 1999/2000. At that time there was public demand to provide a skateboard facility at this location and this was subsequently installed as part of that programme.
- 2.2 The playspace has been maintained and the equipment in the playspace, although reasonably old, is in good condition and presents no issues relating to health and safety.
- 2.3 Pooles Lane Recreation Ground has a playspace, skateboard facilities, a BMX track and the new 5-a-side / basketball pitch installed in 2002.

### **3 TODDLER / INFANT EQUIPMENT**

- 3.1 An inspection of all playspaces was carried out in July 2002 to prepare the report for presentation to this Committee for the new Rolling Programme. The inspection revealed that the playspace was in satisfactory condition, although there is limited infant / toddler equipment.
- 3.2 Provision of limited additional items of toddler equipment could be provided through the revenue budget for playspaces as minor items are replaced / changed through this budget. In this instance two number “springy” animals to improve toddler provision could be funded in this way at a cost of approximately £2000. These would need to be prioritised along with the other sites where additional equipment could also be installed.

**4 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Replacement and some small new items of equipment are funded through the revenue programme based on priority. Officers believe it would be appropriate to ask Hullbridge Parish Council to consider if they are willing to fund this additional equipment to raise the priority of this additional equipment in this instance.

**5 PARISH IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The Parish will be asked to consider funding this additional equipment.

**6 RECOMMENDATION**

It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

That the contents of the petition attached to this report be noted and that Members agree to the option to respond to the petitioners. (CDF&ES))

Roger Crofts

Corporate Director (Finance & External Services)

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**Background Papers:**

Petition

For further information please contact David Timson on:-

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Dear Jim Stevenson

Please find enclosed a petition with 180 signatures concerned about Hullbridge park in Pooles Lane.

We believe that the park is inadequate, there are only 2 swings and 2 baby swings which the children queue up for. There is a boat slide that is dangerous to climb on, with high metal ladders. Parents and grand parents need somewhere to take there children or grand children, what else is there in Hullbridge???

It appears that Romford Highways can spend money on new paving at the shops but what about investing in the children. Rawreth Park in Downhall Road it has at least 11 activities. Why should we take our children into Rayleigh to play there.

With summer term approaching, the parents and children in Hullbridge would like to have somewhere to spend more time in our village.

Yours sincerely

Barbara Black



APPENDIX

PLEASE GIVE HULLBRIDGE CHILDREN A DECENT  
PLAY AREA.

Please sign if you feel strongly that the local childrens play area in Pooles Lane are inadequate - there are only 2 swings and 2 baby swings, the children queue and only have a short time because others are waiting, there is a boat slide that is dangerous to climb with iron ladders at a height. Parents and Grandparents need somewhere to take their children, what else has Hullbridge got?? there is only one seat in the area which is very poor in such a large space.

It appears Rochford Highways can spend money on new paving at the shops but what about investing in a decent place for our children, like the Lowreth Park Downhall Road it has at least 11 activities - why should we have to take the children out of Hullbridge to play there?

With summer term approaching the parents with their children could spend more time there in our own Village Park.

<sup>16</sup>Also, try looking at WAT TYLER park for a good arrangement of play things for the complete variety of ages.

Paula Quinn  
 Y. Byrne  
 M. Nasly  
 S. ~~Stout~~  
 T. ~~Tracy~~  
 L. Faulkner  
 M. M. Faulkner  
 Mary  
~~Boyd~~  
 Bonning  
~~Tracy~~  
 S. ~~Stout~~  
~~Clark~~  
 D. Johnson  
 O. Smith  
 L. Scates  
 C. Romain  
 B. Gay  
 S. Baylis  
 O. B. Buntin  
~~James~~  
~~M. K.~~  
 Marshall  
 Spray  
 S. Baker  
 D. Clark

T. BENNETT	T. Bennett	AJ STA
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M. NEAL	M. Neal	S. Lave
Z. KING	Z. King	S. Lave
Z. CHERBIL	Z. Cherbil	S. Lave
K. FOED	K. Foed	S. Lave
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B. JONES	B. Jones	S. Lave
J. MURRAY	J. Murray	S. Lave
J. THORNTON	J. Thornton	S. Lave
K. SCHOFIELD	K. Schofield	S. Lave
D. BALDWIN	D. Baldwin	S. Lave
J. HEATHER	J. Heather	S. Lave
Bob. HOWELL	Bob. Howell	S. Lave
Julie SMALLRIDGE	Julie Smallridge	S. Lave
C. SMALLRIDGE	C. Smallridge	S. Lave
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N. WINT	N. Wint	S. Lave
G. WOODS	G. Woods	S. Lave
E. REYNOLDS	E. Reynolds	S. Lave
C. WILLIAMSON	C. Williamson	S. Lave
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Jackie  
D M Williams  
W L Williams  
DS Goudonnet  
J Hellen  
Paul  
R Howell  
L Pearson  
J Walker  
D P. S. H. G. G.  
Ch. Condon  
R H. Clark  
J. Kee  
P. Clark  
LA Baylis  
L Smith  
J. G. G.  
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K. MILLER  
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J. H. H.  
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J. Davis  
S. Prang  
A. D. D.  
L. Brandon  
F. Goff  
C. H. H.  
S. Davis  
L. Smith  
P. G. G.