

Playing Field Report for RSPC Meeting 18 May 2026

In September 2025, a RoSPA representative conducted a **playground safety inspection** on all the play equipment on the playing field. I am discussing **necessary repair and refurbishment** options with an independent company. A rough, informal quote was agreed in principle and a formal quote has been prepared by the contractor and agreed. Work commences 18 May plus MUGA repairs 8 June

On 19th December, following investigations of **drains backing up into the Community Hall**, it was discovered after 6 hours of investigations and jetting, that the drain running across the playing field to Hatherell Road was blocked just before the access manhole at the Hatherell Road side of the playing field. As there is an interim submerged inspection manhole positioned just behind the eastern football goal post, effluent was discharging out of that on to the playing field and that ground was excavated by hand to access it.

The cause of the blockage was discovered to be wet wipes which would have originated from the Community Hall/Radford Semele Sports and Social Club. As this has been a problem in the past and also the access point behind the goal is currently unsatisfactory as an access point, the Parish Council look to prevent further incidents with this drain by upgrading or replacing the drain and improving the intermediary access point behind the goal.

Enquiries were made with Severn Trent for advice as to a long term solution to future issues. I met with engineers on 23 February and they provided excellent insights and the next step is to have full inspection of the drainage pipes albeit low volume of the water waste through the pipe is the likely cause of repeated blockage. The gradient is considered to be suitable. Following a full survey on Thursday 23 April the report indicated necessary work that we agreed to fund at the last meeting. Repairs will take place on 27 May.

Spring / Summer time **Green Maintenance** is being assessed over the coming weeks but may wait until September including the Spring Lane path and ditch.

Please see separate email in relation to **changing play equipment** in the enclosed play area following correspondence from a local resident. This may be an opportunity to update and improve our play provision to younger children.

Although there has not been a direct report, the stanchion on the Spring Lane end **goalpost has been damaged**. We are in discussion with Steve H to plan a way forward for the pitch and football teams.

Councillor Jack Dempsey