

Playing Field Report for RSPC Meeting 26 October 2026

Green Maintenance is being continually assessed over the autumn months. Our contractor will submit his normal quote to address the annual need to re-define the field edges, conduct minor tree husbandry and ensure the playing field is safe and tidy. The Spring Lane path has been cut back for drainage reasons. Grass has been seeded over the drain cover soil. Quotes for this work has been agreed as per July minutes. A further piece of work to tend to the ivy on the large oak tree in the north east corner of the field has been completed.

The **Annual inspection** has been carried out by **RoSPA** for all play equipment and the report has been received and shared. RoSPA have sent their invoice which can be paid. The annual inspection by **Proludic** for the outdoor gym has been requested to include some visible repairs that require action. Authority for expenditure on both of these was agreed at the July meeting.

We are in discussion with Steve H to plan a way forward for the **pitch and football teams**. This season the main team will be named Radford Semele FC with a veteran's team also playing. The goalmouths have been re-seeded with grass at a suitable time. The goalposts have been refurbished to a good standard. Invoices for work are expected imminently. Authority for purchasing new stanchions and net hooks was agreed at the July meeting.

Work is under way to install a new **5-a-side playing area**. A pitch area has been identified next to the MUGA and marked out by Steve. Two temporary plastic goalposts provided by Steve have been subjected to anti social behaviour and damage and a report has been made to the police. We shall now review any 5-a-side improvements in the Spring.

Our **playing field mowing contractor**, Wagstaffs, have ceased work so we shall need to find a new company for next year. Wagstaffs agreed to conduct a final cut which has been done. I have had three referrals for local companies from trusted sources and am arranging for quotations as per standing orders.

The **Parish Council signs** have suffered some damage and two have been removed. The previously discussed issues with the material they were made of have contributed to their lack of longevity. Not for immediate consideration but we shall most likely need to order the signs again but with sturdy aluminium Dibond material. We are more aware too of where and how to fix them to reduce the opportunity for damage.

I have received contact from **Book of Portraits** and their event has been booked for the playing field on Sunday 14 March 2027 from 1330hrs.

Councillor Jack Dempsey