

Playing Field Report for RSPC Meeting 28 September 2026

Green Maintenance is being continually assessed over the autumn months and, due to the dry weather, growth is slow. We can 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 will be seeded over the drain cover soil. Quotes for this work has been agreed as per July minutes. A further piece of work is to tend to the ivy on the large oak tree in the north east corner of the field; our contractor has quoted £60 which we can discuss at the meeting.

Annual inspections are to be carried out imminently by RoSPA for all play equipment and, once this is complete, Proludic for the outdoor gym. This will be arranged for October. Authority for expenditure on both of these was agreed at the July meeting. We shall know when RoSPA have done their inspection when they email the invoice.

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 are to be re-seeded with grass at a suitable time, delayed by the extreme dry weather. The goalposts are to be refurbished in due course. Quotes for this have been agreed however, as stated, re-seeding will have to wait until the weather is more suitable and there is a break in matches. 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. We are looking at pricing options for fixed goal posts to be installed once agreed at council although Steve may have other cost free options available.

Our **playing field mowing contractor**, Wagstaffs, are closing down so we shall need to find a new company for next year. Wagstaffs have agreed to conduct a final cut in October which gives us the winter to confirm a replacement. I have had three referrals for local companies from trusted sources so we can arrange for quotations as per 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 aluminum Dibond material. We are more aware too of where and how to fix them to reduce the opportunity for damage.

Councillor Jack Dempsey