Playing Field Report for RSPC Meeting 30 November 2026

Winter **Green Maintenance** will be completed shortly. Our contractor submitted 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 quote was accepted at the last meeting. The **new bin** in The Valley is about to be installed.

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 has been 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 and I still await action from Proludic.

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. Authority for purchasing new stanchions and net hooks was agreed at the July meeting. Steve H is purchasing imminently. He also wants to discuss improvements moving forward.

Work 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 shall review and revisit 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 researched and had referrals from three companies and had three quotes as per standing orders. *We shall need to discuss this at the meeting and decide on a contractor for next year*.

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 material. We are more aware too of where and how to fix them to reduce the opportunity for damage. One for 2027.

The **Book of Portraits** have booked their event for the playing field on Sunday 14 March 2027 from 1330hrs.

Councillor Jack Dempsey