

With respect to the field, report is as follows

- Following up from agreement at previous trustee meeting, the bark for the play park was ordered and the rebarking done on Saturday July 17th with the help of a number of volunteers from the village. Thanks particularly to David Sibbert, Neil Dobson, David Jones, Peter Busby, Christine and Annabel for their support in getting it done. The cost was at the low end of the requested funds - £1800.00. I would certainly recommend that we use the same supplier next time if their quote is competitive. The activity was highlighted the following week in Charney Chatter. The bark level was not as high as we had expected based on multiple calculations, however the coverage is very good. We could probably order as much again and only then completely fill the available space, however my recommendation is that we make another assessment next spring to determine whether some more material is required as i) we will have had the annual third party inspection and ii) we will have seen how this particular bark stands up to the winter. If clear issues on either, we can order additional bark then
- With the help of Neil we have also filled the area no longer containing bark with top soil. This was done on July 31st with a more specifically selected group of volunteers given the limited space to be filled. We now await advice from the Trustees about whether we allow the area simply to “wild” or whether as part of the general park plans we want to seed specifically with e.g. wild flowers. Thanks again to all involved
- There was a report 3 weeks ago on the Charney Facebook page of some specific littering/damage at the part which the poster had related to sexual activity. David and Neil did the initial clean up as I was at work. In the evening I gave the slide a full wipe down and clean. I’m not an expert however I am a little sceptical that the material on the slide was what the poster thought it to be. David and Neil will be better able to comment on the litter. However there has been no repeat. 2 weekends ago there was some damage done to the pigeon defenders on top of the swings and one of the hand sanitizer dispensers at the front entrance was knocked off. Brian T kindly took the dispenser from the back exit and moved it to the front entrance, and I fixed the pigeon defenders (looked like someone had been practicing their Tarzan act). Again no repetition since
- Fence update
 - One slat was broken we think by the lawnmower. This has been replaced. We probably have about 6 or 7 replacement slats still at the village hall
 - Brian T has done some work to free up the entrance gate to open/close more smoothly
 - We have reviewed the state of the paintwork and we believe it is ok to leave for another winter. I think it is likely we will need to repaint next summer
- Dog fouling: no worse than usual. Trevor has told me that the Vale are running a big publicity campaign this summer as we come out of lockdown and many more people own dogs now

Let me know if any questions

Cheers
Bruce