Somerleyton Ashby & Herringfleet Parish Council

Advice & Information Group Report July 2024

We propose that this group has Infrastructure added to its name as it has taken on various infrastructure responsibilities.

Road Name Signs
The new road name signs have been received. The sign for The Common was installed by a Parish Councillor and the Brickfields was installed by local residents. The Green & Environmental Group will soon install the Dark Skies signs.
We thank East Suffolk Councillor Paul Ashdown as his Enabling Communities Budget fully funded these signs.

Cradle Swing on The Green
The annual inspection revealed a defect in the suspension of this swing. A thorough investigation showed that the main cross beam of the swing frame has developed shakes in its top face which have allowed water penetration of the beam leading to rot and the displacement of the cradle swing suspension unit. The cradle swing was removed as soon as the defect was identified and the manufacturers were informed. The manufacturers have accepted that the cross beam is defective and have ordered a replacement beam to be fitted as soon as possible. Meanwhile the cradle swing remains removed.

Other Play Equipment on The Green
The annual inspection by a professional company was carried out on 28 May and apart from the Cradle Swing all the equipment was found to offer a Low or Very Low Risk. Various maintenance requirements were identified and these will be addressed in a programme to commence in the autumn.

Redundant Road Signs
The report on these was sent to Suffolk County Council Highways, which has agreed that the sign on the western approach requires attention. They have concerns about removing the school sign on the eastern approach and we remain in discussion.

Broken Road Signs
It appears that the finger sign post at the junction of Market Lane and Blocka Road, Ashby and the 30mph repeater sign in Station Road just south of its junction with The Street, Somerleyton have been damaged by the machinery used to cut the grass verges. This has been reported to Highways and we await their response.

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