

PITSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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CATEGORY	LOCATION	OWNERSHIP	DESCRIPTION/CONTENTS	MAINTENANCE ETC	ACCESSIBILITY/LOCATION ISSUES	ACTIONS IN LAST 12 MONTHS	IDENTIFIED AREAS TO ADDRESS
Equipped play areas	Vicarage Road, Recreation Ground	PPC	Toddler area with 5 pieces of play equipment and bench Mid area with 6 items of play equipment Older child area with 6 items of play equipment and bench	All 3 areas surveyed weekly Maintenance carried out as necessary to all 3 areas All 3 areas receive independent annual inspection Trees surveyed in accordance with risk assessment	All 3 areas fenced to prevent animal access Flat access from car park or across recreation ground Two entrance points/gates Located in heart of village, on recreation ground and adjacent to the Memorial Hall 2015 - replaced slats in Bo Prep, repaired Swinging Plank, installed new gates, replaced swing seats 2016 - removed rolling barrel 2018 - removed one flat swing seat. WI donated table.	Removed one flat swing seat following vandalism Temporary removal of youth shelter to enable play space installation Removal of kicking goal to enable play space installation Installation of footpath to enable disabled access to play space	Anticipated upgrade of this LEAP to a NEAP with the introduction of a wheeled sport area and more challenging play space. Land purchase now progressing. Should be completed in 2019/20. Ball court to be added adjacent to site by Nicholas King Homes as part of their planning application. Possible addition of outdoor fitness equipment or outdoor table tennis in due course.
	Warwick Road	PPC (area inside fence)	Toddler to mid child area with 13 items of equipment and benches and 2 wooden picnic benches Grassed area with hill, which is used for hide-n-seek, rolling down, climbing etc Edged on one side with hedging, used for hide-n-seek etc open on the other side giving good visibility to open space	Surveyed weekly Maintenance carried out as necessary Independent annual inspection	Fenced to prevent animal access Flat access via two points/gates from footpath or cyclepath. No dedicated car parking. Two additional gates onto the outside grassed area. Located in centre of Castlemead Estate Equipment painted, swing chains & seats replaced 2014 Seesaw replaced 2014 2016 - triple balance beam replaced, wet pour repaired, grass beneath spring mobiles replaced 1 x playground gate replaced, wet pour repaired and minor repairs undertaken 2018	Additional playground gate installed so that maintenance gates could be kept just for maintenance access	At point when benches require replacement, consider DDA compliant furniture with backs/arms
	Hever Close	PPC (area inside fence)	Toddler to mid child area with 11 items of play equipment and benches Full sized socketed goal added 2016	Surveyed weekly Maintenance carried out as necessary Independent annual inspection	Fenced to prevent animal access Flat access from footpath to main gate Secondary gate off bark path No dedicated car parking. Located at far end of Castlemead Estate 2016 - rolling log replaced Socketed full sized park goal installed on 'kick about' area June 2016 2017 - bin added by goal 2018 - wet pour repaired and minor repairs undertaken	Additional playground gate installed so that maintenance gates could be kept just for maintenance access	At point when benches require replacement, consider DDA compliant furniture with backs/arms
Sports Areas	Vicarage Road, Recreation Ground	PPC	Kicking wall with cricket wicket for mid to older children	Surveyed weekly Maintenance carried out as necessary Independent annual inspection	Open access to all from recreation ground Located in heart of village with good visibility Close to youth shelter & other teen provision	Removed 2019 to enable installation of play space	Future tbc now no longer required at Hever Close
	Vicarage Road, Recreation Ground	PPC	Basketball net and practice court for mid to older children	Surveyed weekly Maintenance carried out as necessary Independent annual inspection	Open access to all from recreation ground Located in heart of village with good visibility Close to youth shelter & other teen provision Floodlight with own light		Will be removed as part of play space installation and improved facilities provided with MUGA installed by PDA developer
	Vicarage Road, Recreation Ground	PPC	skate park for mid to older children	n/a	n/a		Hope to commence procurement within next 6 months In meantime, provide portable skate facilities available at youth café.
	Vicarage Road, Recreation Ground	PPC	Open access multi use ball games court	n/a	n/a	Developer submitted planning application for MUGA in April 2017. Approved December 2018. Developer not yet in possession of land as negotiations with landowners yet to conclude.	Proposed to be located at the far end of the hall car park with displacement parking inside the Pitstone Development Area
	Sports pavilion, Lower Icknield Way	PPC	Two full sized football pitches plus changing/kitchen facilities within pavilion	Surveyed weekly Grounds maintained by groundsman Trees surveyed in accordance with risk assessment	Dedicated access from road, pedestrian access off Lower Icknield Way, flat access around site and disabled access to pavilion/toilet Pavilion and Pitches kept locked, but grass/tree area to the front is open all the time Trees on boundary have been cut back to improve visibility to the open area 2017 - internal door installed 2018 - ball stop netting installed, replacement western boundary fence installed and senior pitch extended	2019 planning granted for improved building, storage and access. Tendering process and funding to commence.	Progressing site plans as part of leisure development project
	Recreation Ground, Vicarage Road	PPC as charity trustees	Recreation ground utilised for football and cricket with dedicated pitches. Changing/kitchen facilities available in neighbouring Memorial Hall. Registered charity. Registered Village Green.	Surveyed weekly Grounds maintained by groundsman Trees surveyed in accordance with risk assessment	Football goals kept locked away & controlled by football clubs Cricket practice nets available for open use Located in heart of village, with easy, flat access from all directions. Hall has disabled access/toilet. Water spur taken from Memorial Hall to increase pressure of feed to cricket square. Water funded by Cricket Club. 2016 - 2 new cricket wickets laid (part funded by PPC) 2016 - cricket club granted permission to store mobile cricket nets on site 2017 - 2 wickets renovated by cricket club 2018 - new section of hedgerow planted by cricket club. Wicket renovated by club.	Cricket Club confirmed did still require fixed cricket nets on recreation ground Cricket Club working with Memorial Hall Charity to ensure building better meets regulations of cricket board See above re youth shelter, kicking goal & path 4 new trees planted (1 since vandalised - cage in storage)	Cricket club developing plans for improved cricket
	Hever Close	TW but will transfer to AVDC	One park football goal in dedicated kicking area	Surveyed weekly. Parish Council undertaken to maintain goal and ground immediately in front. TW/AVDC remain responsible for rest of maintenance.	No dedicated parking. Located at far end of Castlemead estate at the top of the grass bank. Installed June 2015. 2017 - bin installed		

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	Westfield Road/Windsor Road	TW but will transfer to BCC	Clear red marked cycle paths all along Westfield Road and part of Windsor Road	Maintained by TW	Easily accessed		
Dedicated youth areas	Recreation Ground, Vicarage Road	PPC	Youth shelter	Surveyed weekly Maintained as necessary	As per recreation ground Area lit from floodlight in basketball area (Integral solar lighting vandalised)	Temporarily removed	Will be relocated to other side of cricket nets as part of Play Space project
Recreation/dedicated play space	Recreation Ground, Vicarage Road	PPC as charity trustees	Large open access recreation ground, utilised by local football clubs and cricket club as well as dog walkers, families etc with numerous benches surrounding Registered charity. Registered Village Green.	Surveyed weekly Maintenance carried out as necessary Cricket & football pitches maintained by groundsman Trees surveyed as per risk assessment	Located in heart of village with easy, flat access from all directions. Situated next to Memorial Hall and childrens equipped play area.		
	Windsor Road	AVDC	Open play area to kick-about, picnic, play games etc Small area equipped with hop-scotch and alphabet snake plus seating	Transferred from TW to AVDC	Flat access from road, path or cyclepath		
	Hever Close	TW but will transfer to AVDC	Large open play area to kick-about, picnic, play games etc Bordered by shrubs and trees, used for hide-n-seek and games etc	Currently maintained by TW but will transfer to AVDC	Accessed from the end of Hever Close where you need to climb the grass bank Located next to the equipped play area 2015 - goal installed		
Unequipped open areas, but used for play	Yardley Avenue	VAHT	Grassed area by garage block, used for ball games etc	Maintained by VAHT	Flat access from garage area and alley way		
	Yardley Avenue	VAHT	Very small grass area at end of Yardley Avenue hammer head No ball games allowed, but children play there	Maintained by VAHT	Accessed off road/path		
	Crispin Field	AVDC/Anglian Water	Grassed balancing pond (used for play at nearly always dry) edged by trees (used for climbing/swinging)	Maintained by AVDC	Located at far end of Crispin Field and accessed via road or alley way		
	Glebe Close	VAHT	Two grassed areas at the start of Glebe Close with no ball games allowed, but used for play. surrounding low walls to both, used for seating.	Maintained by VAHT	Located at start of Glebe Close, good visibility and easy, flat access VAHT converted part of both areas to residents parking in 2013		
	The Pigtle	AVDC	Thin grassed area (used for play), bordered by trees (used for hide-n-seek, dens, conkering etc)	Maintained by AVDC	Located where The Pigtle borders the bark chip path running the length of Castlemead. Easy, flat access off end of road, via private road or from footpath out of Castle Close		
	Bark path through Castlemead	TW but will transfer to AVDC	Footpath through narrow woods. Evidence of dens, rope swings in the trees etc. Used for hide-n-seek, conkering etc.	Maintained by TW	Access via Windsor Road, The Pigtle or Hever Close only. No other access points. Uneven surface.	TW removed all rope swings	
	Quarry 1	TW	Large dis-used quarry now a local wildlife site with footpath across the centre, trees and shrubs Utilised by dog walkers, families flying kites/picnics, kick-about etc.	Owned by TW, leased to tenant farmer	Located off Westfield Road at end of Castlemead Estate. Some informal paths. One dedicated path. Also accessed via footpath from Church Road. Poor disabled access. Good visibility from Westfield Road to most areas.		Seek to ensure area is kept as public open space as very important local amenity Investigating increased wildlife designation/protection Investigating signage to raise awareness Proposed dog bin installation by maintenance gate
	The sports pavilion	PPC	Area to the front of the building is open space with grass, trees etc and gravel/tarmac car parks	Maintained by PPC Trees surveyed	Edge of village location, open pedestrian access off Lower Icknield Way via gate onto gravel	Planning approval granted	Tendering and fundraising
Land at the Crescent	PPC	Grassed area with bench in centre, trees and bulbs	Inspected weekly Trees surveyed regularly	Open access from Cheddington Road, gate part way along onto Lower Icknield Way Purchased from BCC in June 2018 Designated as Local Green Space in the NDP 2016	Installed a DDA kissing gate at far end Repaired fencing Installed 2 x additional benches Planted daffodils		
Grassed area that could be utilised for play	Yardley Avenue	VAHT	Garden behind Yardley Lounge	Maintained by VAHT	Located behind the lounge, accessed via alley-way. Surrounded by back-gardens from properties. Currently kept locked.		VAHT currently have no plans to re-open this area
	Balancing Pond, Lower Icknield Way	TW selling to Network Rail	A large balancing pond located next to the sports pavilion, with the Lower Icknield Way to the front and the railway line to the rear. Access across by the railway to their maintenance facility & AW to balancing pond.	n/a	n/a		TW selling land to Network Rail
Street scenes that are currently used for play purposes	Lower Icknield Way/Marsworth Rd between Westfield Rd and Roundabout	BCC	Wide, flat pathway used by skate boarders, roller bladers, cyclists etc. Wide grass verge with numerous items of street furniture & bus shelter (used for seating/chatting)	Maintained as joint cycle/footpath by BCC	Accessed via Westfield Road or roundabout Easy, flat access and good visibility		See above comments re skate park
	Marsworth Road	BCC	Pathway outside Masons shop, used as a gathering point No provisions for seating etc	Maintained as footpath by BCC	Good visibility, heart of village Easy access on foot or car		
Organised activities	Recreation Ground	PPC	PPC fund Play around the Parishes etc	n/a	see above		
	Brookmead School	PPC	Youth Café funded and managed by PPC Weekly activities for secondary school aged children.	Site maintained by Brookmead school. Equipment maintained by PPC.	Good visibility. Right on Pitstone/Vinghoe border. Parents can drop off by car. Youngsters often arrive on scooter, bike or by foot. Disabled access available.		
There are numerous other clubs and activities available within the village or the neighbouring village of Vinghoe such as: scouts, guides, football, cricket, ballet, tap dancing, music & movement etc							