**Aldbury Playground Working Group Report**

David Demmery, Suzanne Stretton, and Gosia Turczyn met on the 15th of January to discuss progress, funds, and the next steps to complete the playground revamp project.

The small fort with slide cost £6,751.20 and will be delivered soon. This will be installed by volunteers and requires having a safety surface.

There is £3,348.93 in Playground Project Earmarked Reserve left, which will be spent on safety mats as detailed below.

The Working group is seeking endorsement of £1,000 from APC’s general reserves to cover the costs of materials to complete the project.

Next steps:

1) For the safety surface for the small fort we will have to choose the lowest cost option which is a mix of solid rubber mat tiles over the concrete and grass mats surrounding the turf. If we take the fall height of 2.3m for the small fort the estimate is;

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| rubber mats | £2388 | Exc VAT | Similar to the mats under the swings |
| Grass mats | £762 | Exc VAT | Same as used under the Log World |
| **Total** | **£3150** | Plus pegs | Plus polyurethane glue to bond tiles; about £25 per 5kg tub |

ACTION Suzanne will double check measures, confirm prices from suppliers, and confirm order for Gosia.

FYI; rolls of Safety matting from Grassmats Ltd. 22mm (10x1m) @ £252 plus pegs?

2) We aim to erect the small fort in March / April with a working group to be organised. Some fixings may be required.

3) The new saucer Spinner and reinstalled chicken springer will be installed at the same time in March/ April. We will need circa £100 for materials to install these items – concrete and ballast (labour is free).

4) We decided the position of the new spinner between the slide and the Log world. The position of the chicken springer is to be decided when the other installations are complete.

5) ACTION; David is to ask Laurance Trowbridge to donate any grass mats he once volunteered for the playground for the spinner and springer.

6) David will construct a bench from the old see-saw beam and install it free of charge in a suitable space TBA.

7) Repairs to swing safety mats (this needs to be done as per RoSPA recommendations). We propose a working group to undertake these repairs in spring 2024 when it is drier. The cost to come from the Playground maintenance budget. We may need to hire a compressor and generator for a day to thoroughly clean the gaps up before re-sealing.

* <https://www.onlineplaygrounds.co.uk/>
* Rubber granules & rubber binder 1m2 black £54, colours ~£85.
* Edge primer £22 per .5kg
* polyurethane glue to re-bond tiles; about £25 per 5kg tub.

8) The Playground Working Group acknowledges there are no funds left to buy a Basket swing, however Gosia will apply for grants.