Council November 2021

9(a) Groombridge Ward (Groombridge) to include request to use Groombridge Recreation Ground on 8 May 2022 for Sat Thomas' School May Fair and update on swings

May Fair Request

Email received from St Thomas's School PTA:

> "Please may we book the Rec for Friday May 8th, the new May Day for 2022 for our annual May Fair?"

Swings Update

Email sent by Clerk to Councillors 13 October 2021:

> "Dear Councillors
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> Those of you present at the September Council meeting will recall that there was a discussion about the swing chains at Groombridge Recreation Ground. The last ROSPA playground inspection identified issues with the existing swings chains/seats at Groombridge Play area and they were therefore removed from the swing frame and had not yet been replaced.
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> I had provided a parts only quote of £474 + VAT to Council. It was suggested that I have a conversation with Southern Landscape & Construction Ltd (the preferred contractor for the new playground) to ascertain what they would charge for fitting the new swings, and whether they would then be transferrable into the new design. SLC have come back to me to say that if we purchase the parts their Director is happy to fit them free of charge, combining it with a site visit with the playground group. They also believe that the swings could be worked into the new playground design.
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> We are looking at a site visit with SLC mid to late November and so if the swings are to be purchased I need to get on with doing so. As the next Council meeting is not until November could I therefore seek agreement on email to proceed with the purchase."

All Councillors who responded supported this purchase and the order has been placed.

Request from Groombridge Cricket Club

Email received from Groombridge Cricket Club 3/11/21:

> "I refer to problems of people parking across the entrance to the Rec. Today we have contractors coming to top dress the square and again we find inconsiderate parking has blocked the road.
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> Is it possible to investigate having a white line the road, which is the normal marking for drives etc. And perhaps more assertive signage !"

East Sussex Highways have an application process for them to paint white lines (Access Protection Markings). This costs £46 (+ £1 per meter for each additional meter over 10m).