

Girton Annual Parish Meeting
Wednesday 11th May 2022
Sport & Recreation Report

Having chaired Sport and Recreation for several years I plan to step down from this role and enable development of the role with a different councillor.

It has been a privilege to be involved but also challenging particularly through the COVID time. We have tried very hard to enable recreation to continue in the safest possible way and also to ensure that as far as reasonably possible the safety of our users has been maintained. I do feel that the cleaning of our facility, use of hand gel and distancing may need to continue for some time.

Our most exciting development has been to review booking services with our assistant clerk Angie Vidler. We now look forward to looking at an on-line booking service. If council approves this plan, it can be rolled out fairly quickly, I am told and will enhance what has already become an improved service for our village under the supervision of the assistant clerk, recruited six months ago.

I am also delighted to say that our groundsman Chris will have access to such as system as he is a key person in managing the facility.

Chris has been with us many years and is a credit to the council. He works very closely with the clerk and assistant clerk and has a wealth of contacts for administration of good grounds management. I personally am very grateful to have had his support in my role as Chair of the Sport and Recreation Committee.

Our key achievements this year have been to replace and repair play area surfaces as required, to repair the playground rocking horse, and to replace the platforms on the climbing frame at the recreation ground. We have done some repair and replacement work on the Trim Trail and the whole area is now being reviewed, for further repairs and improvement.

Our MUGA surface was replaced in 2019 and we have recently approved replacement of the goals. We are now reviewing the Integrity of the fencing around the MUGA and plan to repair or replace it.

Our major project, led by Council Chair, Haydn Williams, to review and refurbish as necessary our current Pavilion continues. He I am sure will speak of this development which is in the Value Engineering stage of Design Costing.

Gill Cockley
Sport & Recreation Chair
May 2022