### OVERTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE MEETING**

**5TH OCTOBER 2019**

**PRESENT**: Cllr Walker, Cllr Ashton, Cllr Copeman

**2019.09. ELECTION OF A CHAIR** – Cllr Walker was nominated as Chair by unanimous vote

**2019.10 APOLOGIES** – received from Cllr Hellingman, Cllr England

**2019.11 TO DISCLOSE PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS** – none raised

**2019.12. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC** – no members of the public in attendance

**2019.13. TO DISCUSS MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES** – none

**2019.14. TO CARRY OUT A VISUAL INSPECTION OF THE TREES IN THE MILLENNIUM AVE AND ON THE WREXHAM ROAD AND TO REPORT ANY ISSUES TO THE CLERK / FULL COUNCIL**

The visual inspection revealed the following: -

* There area number of trees along Wrexham Road which have some low hanging branches which should be cut back
* There are also several trees (see accompanying photographs) on the Millennium Avenue which have evidence of dead branches, and / or with low hanging branches. Additionally, several trees have ivy growing up them which needs to be addressed
* It is the recommendation of the Playing Field committee that Full council should resolve to commission All Things Trees to review the state of these trees and advise Council on how best to proceed

**2019.15 TO DISCUSS ANY MAINTENANCE ISSUES RAISED**

* Members agreed that whilst the “bug hotel” sited at the far end of the playground is a fantastic addition, there are some hazards, namely some rusty nails remaining in the wood, which should be removed to make sure the feature is safe for children. (see picture attached)
* After discussions relating to the ROSPA report findings, it was agreed to consider the D rings on the swings cited in the report as issues for continued observation during inspections rather than needing to be replaced
* It was agreed to continue with monthly inspections undertaken by Cllr Walker who would ensure that the inspections would take place before each council meeting

**2019.16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

This is to be arranged

The Chairman closed the meeting at 11.00 am