

# WHEATLEY PARISH COUNCIL REPORT – OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022

## ITEM 27I QUARTERLY PLAY AREA INSPECTIONS

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<b>Strategic Goal:</b>	Goal 1 To continue to support the village so it becomes a vibrant and sustainable community for everyone
<b>Strategic Aim:</b>	1.4 Preserve existing services and facilities
<b>Summary:</b>	Consider quotes for Quarterly Play Area inspections as part of our inspection regime
<b>Legislation:</b>	Health and Safety at Work Act 1974.

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### Purpose/Backgrounds

To meet our legal requirements and insurance policy we must regularly inspect our play areas. Weekly inspections are undertaken by a competent person (in house) supported by quarterly

Quarterly inspections were implemented in 2021 for twelve months and is now due to review.

There are a limited number of companies offering these services and quotes have been sought from two companies.

Company	Location	Details	Costs
Company 1	Company based within 10 miles of Wheatley	4 x visits per year £250 per visit  Inspections carried out by experienced employees	£1,000 +VAT
Company 2.	Company based within Oxfordshire	4 x visits per year £450 per visit  Inspections carried out by independent contractors	£1350 + VAT

### Funding and resources

Funds were allocated within the 2022-23 budget, based on the previous year plus +2.5%. the increase on 2021-22 is greater than anticipated, but there are sufficient funds to cover the costs

### Recommendation

To approve one company to undertake the quarterly inspections.