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Dear Parish

At its meeting on Tuesday 10th September 2019, the Parish Council reviewed plans for the replacement of the playground at the Recreation Ground. We are pleased to advise that we have settled on a layout and provider and we will be working with them to implement this project as quickly as we can. The Parish Council also reviewed the current playground facilities and made the difficult decision to close the playground until the new one is installed. There are several issues facing us with the current set up and after investigation, it was deemed too expensive to perform interim repairs to keep the facilities open when a replacement was needed. We understand that this will be disappointing for the users of the playground but child safety is our main priority.

Going forward, we will be placing security fencing around the area to restrict access, but we would ask that you please speak with your children and advise that they must not try and gain access to the site.

The plans themselves were developed by using the Parish feedback from the consultation that took place last year and we would like to thank everyone for taking the time to respond and to those that were involved in the project in its initial stages and in particular Lisa Cook and Sue Clements, who have been working hard alongside Councillor Clements to get us to this point.

Our next steps will be to start working with the chosen contractors and seek external funding now that we have the project agreed. Again, I know this will be disappointing and that not everyone will agree with the decision, we ask you to bear in mind that the decision has been made for the safety of those that use the space.

The plans will be available shortly on the website and the notice board (Winslow Road), I will let you know when they are up to view.

Kind regards

Becky Biley
Parish Clerk
Wingrave with Rowsham Parish Council