

Leisure & Amenities Committee

1. Play Area Related Requests

- 1.1 Councillors have been contacted regarding a bench at Sparcells play areas. The bench is adjacent to the youth play area and faces the new housing development on Sparcells Drive.

A resident has reported the following

There is a park bench near our house next to the steps up to the main play park that used to face the old toddler play park that now just faces the new houses. This seems to be a hangout for teenagers to sit and smoke etc. and drop litter, mainly at night. Not a huge issue at the moment but as you can appreciate, can be a bit disconcerting right outside our house. As the old toddler play park is no longer there, I'm thinking maybe the bench could be moved (or even a new one installed), maybe around the corner facing the basketball court, which would be more practical, especially if people come to watch games on the court or wait to play. It would also mean people sitting there at night would be away from the houses.

- 1.2 There was recent coverage of a complaint about misuse of the Shelfinch play area. Checks have been undertaken and we can report that there is no new damage or vandalism since the play area was refurbished. At the Planning & Environment Committee on Wednesday 3 December it was agreed that the play area would be targeted with anti-dog fouling messages including stickers, signs in bins and sprayed messages.

2 Recommendation:

- 2.1 That the Committee considers whether any further action in response to these two reports is required.

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