

AUTHOR: Mrs K Graddock
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SUBJECT: Item 9: Benches on Village Green

The Executive Officer completed Play Area/Equipment inspections of the areas that were unable to be secure on 13th May and found that the benches and stage on the Village Green are in need of repair.

Benches



We are currently trying to contact family members of the original requestors however; these are the responsibility of Fremington Parish Council and the Council does have a duty to ensure they are safe. I have been told informally that the Community Group were looking at repairing/replacing benches on the Village Green and that this maybe a project that they would like to get involved with. The Village Green is within a Conservation Area, so I have consulted with the Conservation Officer who has said both wood or metal would be acceptable but no plastic.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Deputy Executive Officer write to the Fremington Community Group to ask them whether they would be able to contribute financially to the project for replacement benches on the Village Green and that the current benches are removed immediately and any plaques are stored for safe keeping until the family members can be contacted to ascertain whether they wish for the plaques to be restated on a new bench.