



# NORTH STREET PLAYGROUND

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 39/18

20 MAY 2019

The purpose of this paper is to record the recent developments at the North Street Playground and the response of residents to them.

## No. DETAILS

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### 1) BACKGROUND

- a) The Isle of Wight Council removed the double set of swings from the Playground without prior notice to either the Town Council or local residents; the Council has subsequently apologised for the lack of prior notice.
  - b) The removal of the swings followed a safety inspection which found them to be dangerous and beyond repair.
  - c) The Isle of Wight Council has stated that it does not have the funds available to replace the equipment.
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### 2) MEETINGS

- a) A Public Meeting called by residents to discuss the situation arranged on 25 April at the Library was attended by 45 residents with over 60 apologies for absence.
  - b) Councillor Jason Mack and Tony McCarthy were also present and the meeting was attended by the Isle of Wight Council's Strategic Manager, Recreation and Public Open Spaces Lee Matthews.
  - c) A further meeting of residents has been arranged for 7pm on Monday 20 May and Councillor Leigh Geddes will attend.
  - d) Lee Matthews has arranged to meet with the Clerk, Tony McCarthy and Councillor Jason Mack on Friday morning 17 May.
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