

Village Assets Report
Drinkstone Parish Council
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1. Overview

Routine inspections and maintenance of village assets have continued throughout the month. All areas remain in good condition, with no significant structural concerns identified. Community feedback remains positive, particularly regarding the recent improvements to the play area.

2. Proposed SCR Construction Works

A quotation has been received from SCR Handyman Services for essential repair and improvement works to village assets.

Scope of Proposed Works

- Removal of damaged components as required
- Installation of new treated timber supports
- Cutting and installation of new phenolic ply panels
- Securing all components using exterior-grade fixings
- Sanding and finishing any rough edges

Materials & Costs (Updated)

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| • 2 × 18mm phenolic ply sheets — £70 each → | £140 |
| • 3 × treated 4×2 lengths — £10 each → | £30 |
| • 1 × box 75mm exterior screws → | £8 |
| • Wood preserver → | £12 |

Total materials cost: £190

Delivery cost: £20

Final cost: £210

(Materials + delivery only — no labour charge included)

Additional Notes

- Labour is provided free of charge as a goodwill contribution to the village.
- Scott has confirmed he will remove all materials and waste to the tip at no cost to the council.

The full quotation is attached for review and approval.

3. Defibrillator Checks

Both village defibrillators have been inspected this month.

- Units are fully operational
- Pads and consumables are in date
- No further action required

4. Village Cricket Area – Dog Fouling Issue

There has been an increase in dog fouling around the cricket area.

- A reminder has been issued in the village newsletter
- The situation will continue to be monitored
- Additional signage may be considered if the issue persists

5. Play Area Feedback & Funding Proposal

The updated play area continues to receive strongly positive feedback from parents and carers, with increased usage and appreciation noted.

An education charity has generously offered a £3,000 donation towards additional children's play equipment.

Proposal

That the Parish Council match the £3,000 donation to enable further expansion of the play equipment offering, supporting inclusive play and responding to the positive community engagement.

6. Financial Summary

- Routine maintenance remains within budget
- No unexpected expenditure this month
- Proposed SCR works involve materials only, with labour provided free of charge
- Recommendation to ring-fence matched funding for play equipment pending council approval