

THE PARK

11/09/1925 'proposed that the Thorn Tree on the Village Green be cut down at a cost of 2/0'

6/07/1934 'proposed that the Clerk write to the ERDC asking them to enclose the spare ground (i.e. the green in front of the Crescent) with a suitable fence and plant a few shrubs and trees suggesting that it would be much pleasanter than it was at present as some of the tenants were using same as a dumping ground for garden refuse etc.'

28/09/1934 ' Mr Lowery said that ERDC had no objection to the Parish Council doing the fencing and planting shrubs themselves at their own expense'

5/12/1934 'proposed that the Clerk write to ERDC regretting their decision with respect to closing in of the piece of ground at Thornhill'

27/02/1935 'That Clerk write to ERDC that the fencing of the waste land be left in the hands of Mr Brown the surveyor, at the same time suggesting an unclimable fence about 4feet 6inches be used for the same.'

20/03/1935 'the Chairman informed the Council that the Surveyor had suggested a stone wall instead of an iron fence, after discussion it was proposed that the original plans be carried out an iron fence about 4'6" Clerk to inform Surveyor'

20/09/1935 'after a discussion re the planting of shrubs in the Park it was proposed that Clerk request Mr Bell of Woodend Nurseries to meet the Sub Committee on the site at a suitable time to offer his suggestion on the kinds of shrubs etc suitable for the Park . It was proposed that two labourers be engaged to carry out the work required in the Park, i.e. cutting grass etc, planting and generally cleaning and levelling up the Park. And it was unanimously agreed to employ Thos. Southam and Geo. Irving to do the work wages to be £2-10-0 per week less insurance etc. hours to be 8am -12noon and 1pm-4pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 12noon Saturday. Proposed that the Clerk write to the Cumb. C.C. asking them to complete the footpath round the Park'

2/10/1935 'Clerk introduced Mr Bell of Woodend Nurseries who at the request of the council had arranged to meet the sub committee re the purpose of planting of shrubs etc. the committee inspected the new park and after discussion it was decided to purchase from Mr Bell seventy shrubs to be planted in the Park leaving Mr Bell to use his discretion regarding the kinds suitable. It was also decided that work begin in the Park Monday 14th October 1935 and that the clerk acquaint the two men picked for the work accordingly. The cost of shrubs was £8-4-6.'

28/02/1936 'After discussion re the account for the fence it was proposed that 50% of the cost be borne by the Parish council and that at the same time the Clerk inform ERDC that as the Parish council in the first instance offered to contribute £50 to the cost of fencing and they thought that ERDC should have acquainted the Parish council of their intention to erect a costlier fence before proceeding with the work. Amount to be paid £68-3-0.

19/05/1936 'proposed that the Clerk write to ERDC asking them to finish the work of painting the railings round the Park at the same time pointing out that the parish council had already paid for the works being done.'

11/09/1936 'Trees these were discussed and it was suggested that the trees be tied and protected with posts.'

21/10/1938 'Thornhill open space' 'the Clerk to write to Mr Cockfield asking the ERDC to take over same and keep in order'

27/01/1939 'ERDC will take over on 1st March 1939'

25/09/1942 'The enclosed Railed Park' 'proposed the Clerk write to ERDC and call attention to the bad state the garden and enclosure were in'

26/06/1944 'proposed that the ERDC be approached regarding the bad state the garden was in also the gate, after some discussion Mr Lowery kindly consented to see Mr Buchanan about the same'

01/05/1947 'proposed that the Park at Thornhill be replaced back to the St Johns Beckermat Parish council'

31/07/1947 'letter read from Ennerdale RDC re the Thornhill Housing Estate Park. That the Council had agreed to the land at Thornhill used as a Park being returned to the St Johns Beckermat Parish Council as from 1st June 1947.

'proposed that Mr Mcavoy be approached to paint the railings round the Park at £4 per week.'

02/12/1948 'After some discussion it was decided the Clerk ask Mr Dixon Low Mill farm to plough the Park over'

28/03/1949 'after some discussion it was decided that the Clerk write to Mr Southam Secretary to sports Club that the council could not let them have the Park as they hoped to develop same as a Public Park and gardens'

11/04/1949 'Annual Parish Meeting' 'Seven members of Thornhill sports club were present and after a discussion on a sports field and bowling green they asked the council to let them have the Public Garden to make a bowling green. The Chairman pointed out that as this was a public garden they could not keep members of the public from using the same and the council had hoped to develop same as a Public garden. This had been long neglected as we could not get labour. After further discussion on playing field and football ground etc it was decided the Clerk write to ERDC for information and to bring the matter forward at the next meeting.

26/05/1949 'the motion that was passed on March 28th regarding the Public park be rescinded and it was recommended that Thornhill Sports Club and representatives to meet the council recreation ground committee on Monday 28th

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23/06/1949 'letter read from Sports club and it was decided to await what action they would take on the matter. Bill for replacing gate at Park Ground £1-0-9'

18/01/1951 'proposed Mr Dixon be asked to plough the gardens'

27/10/1953 'proposed that the Clerk write to Mr Leigh ERDC regarding the cutting of the grass on the Park and the unsatisfactory condition of the same.'

1/11/1954 'The bill for painting the Park railings was received for £29-10-0 and the original quote was for £28-10-0. Clerk to ask Mr Harrison if the increase in wages was justified.'

19/09/1960 'Seats, after some discussion it was agreed that the Clerk write to ERDC and ask them to dismantle the seats in the Park.'

24/10/1960 'Attention was brought to the broken railings near the bus shelter and it was decided to have this repaired and the gate to be stored away.'

21/03/1966 'A Sub committee was formed to decide on the type of equipment that could be purchased for £150 approximately. It was agreed the Clerk to try and ascertain the prices the RDC had paid for equipment and where it was situated so that the sub committee can report to the full council.'

23/05/1966 It was agreed that the Clerk inform Mr Bessy that the council had decided that £320 would purchase the equipment required for the Park.

18/07/1966 'the clerk reported that the National Playing field Association require evidence of tenure of the Park. Every effort been made to trace a Conveyance, Land Certificate or Lease, the County Council and the Rural Council were consulted but the documents were not found. Acting on the information received by the clerk to the county council "that should the Parish Council prove uninterrupted possession and enjoyment of the plot of land for the last twelve years, THE PARISH COUNCIL, UNDER THE PROVISION OF THE LIMITATION ACT 1939 MAY CLAIM TITLE TO THE LAND. It was agreed the Clerk complete the application forms and that a plan be prepared of the Park and the layout of the equipment.'

20/02/1967 'the Clerk reported that the National Playing Field Association had offered a grant of £70. It was resolved that this amount be accepted. agreed that the Clerk order the swings and slide as agreed at a previous meeting and obtain specifications in order that arrangements for the erection can be put in hand.'

20/02/1967 'It was agreed that the clerk register as Common Land The Railes Beckermet, and Gypsy Square Carleton Moor and claim The Park Thornhill as a Village Green.'

20/03/1967 'an order for the swings and slide had been placed with Wickstead leisure company for £240-14-0 Tenders for the erection of the above equipment were considered and it was agreed to accept the estimate of Mr Albert Tyson of £35-10-0 and that Mr Milburn be thanked for his tender of £255-0-0. It was also agreed that the clerk contact the County council about the likelihood of them carrying out tarmac laying to the area near the new equipment.'

17/07/1967 'Cutting the grass it was agreed that the tender for £10 be paid. Painting the railings, work had commenced the price was £52 It was agreed to pay Mr Benn and Mr Stephenson £2 each for 13 weeks as requested. The Clerk reported that the swings and slide were delivered and it was agreed to pay the bill of £240-14-0'

25/09/1967 'the Clerk reported that Mr Tyson had agreed to erect the equipment the previous week but no progress had been made. It was agreed that a bill of £1-7-9 be paid to British Railways for return of packing cases. The painting of

the railings was complete and the work was very satisfactory It was agreed the bill for paint and materials £12-5-2 be paid.'

25/09/1967 'The county Planning Officer reported that the three sites had been register (provisionally) under the Common Land Registry'

13/11/1967 'Mr Tyson had satisfactorily completed the work he was contracted to do. It was agreed the swings should be attached and that Mr Wrightson recommend some form of locking device. Also that the ERDC be contacted for maintenance of swings.'

18/12/1967 'agreed that Mr Tyson account for £35-10-0 be paid, agreed that Mrs Moore be paid £6-10-0- per quarter for cleaning shelter and locking swings, also Mr Simpson be asked to examine and maintain for £1-0-0 per quarter. The clerk reported that the gates for the Park that were stored at the RDC yard are missing. The clerk to contact County council regarding disused paving slabs and cost of any available, that a load of sand be obtained and spread at each side of the swings.'

19/02/1968 'Mrs Moore and Mr Simpson had to agreed to the terms offered. The county council had no paving available but some may be available at Cokermonth in the near future. After some discussion it was decided Mr Tyson be asked to tender for concrete paths to be laid.'

17/06/1968 ' No progress had been made on paths for the Park clerk to ask Mr Tyson to tender.'

16/09/1968 'the clerk instructed to point out to Mr Tyson the council wish to have the work carried out before the bad weather starts.'

28/10/1968 'Complaints had been made about the swings not being locked during the trial period of one month as it was causing a nuisance to local tenants, it was decided to ask Mr Stephenson if he would undertake the daily locking and unlocking of the swings on payment of £13 per year.'

18/11/1968 'Mr Stephenson was not interested but Mr Bradley was carrying out the work for 5shillings a week, he was also observing the use of the swings during the dark weather and it was hoped to have a report for the next meeting. Mr Tyson does not wish to lay the paths and as the ground is in good condition it was agreed to leave the matter for now.'

20/01/1969 ' Mrs Moore has resigned and to seek a new person at £26 per year Mr Bradley to continue at 5 shillings a week paid quarterly.'

10/03/1969 ' comments on the untidy state of the Park Youth club to help with removing broken shrubs etc. ERDC to be asked to provide suitable litter bins.'

21/04/1969 'no action had been taken and a sub committee of Thornhill residents is to be formed to decide if the shrubs need removed or pruned. No action on litter bins as yet, the seat in the playground was also reported as damaged.'

21/07/1969 ' A letter has been received from Cumb. Education committee re the grant from the Playing fields Association towards the cost of equipment, and drawing attention to the two year time limit. The clerk had replied that equipment was bought and installed at an approximate cost of £280 and has been in use

since 1967. The remaining item a Jungle Gym shown on the original claim as costing £98 had not yet been acquired. It was decided to ask the makers for a fresh quotation. The clerk was instructed to apply for any interim payment available.'

15/09/1969 'ERDC to be asked to supply from stock and fix four large hanging wire litter baskets on the outside of the railings, also to ask if the refuse collectors will empty the bins as they are easily accessible and on the regular collecting route. It was decided to order a Jungle Gym from Wickstead & Co Ltd. Price £104 -10-0.'

17/11/1969 'the plan for the paths and siting of the jungle gym prepared by Mr Wilson and Mr Lace were adopted. Tenders for the work to be invited. The apparatus is to be delivered to the vicarage for storage until the contractor is able to install it, this was considered safer than letting the component parts lie in the Park. The Clerk is to enquire of Cornhill Insurance whether use of the jungle gym is covered by current policies. Also to remind ERDC about the litter baskets. A letter of thanks to be sent to Mr Oldfield for assisting in the pruning of the overgrown shrubs.'

15/12/1969 'the jungle gym has not arrived, one estimate of £190 work to commence in March has been received. Estimates to be reviewed by impartial qualified person at UKAEA Sellafield and if judged reasonable then it is to be accepted.'

19/01/1970 'The jungle gym has been delivered to the vicarage. Mr Hind stated that an independent assessment of the probable cost of work as specified might reasonably be in excess of £250. It was decided to accept Mr Wightman's tender of £190 work to start at the beginning of March and to be completed by the end of the month. ERDC to be asked to inspect the work to ensure safety and as a safeguard in case of any future insurance claim. The clerk produced a letter from Mr Bessy secretary of the Cumberland and Westmoreland Playing Fields Association requesting evidence of the Councils Tenure of the Playground. The chairman stated that he had made enquiries and after discussion it was agreed that the association be advised that the council were unable to produce any title Deeds, but they did claim a possessory title on the grounds that they had enjoyed uninterrupted possession of the playground for upwards of thirty years.'

20/04/1970 'receipted accounts for equipment already installed had been sent to the Playing fields association and an interim payment is hoped for. There was much discussion about the railings round the park. Mr Boag advocated their removal to eliminate maintenance costs and improve the appearance of the area. There was opposition on the grounds of safety of the children. The road safety committee are to be asked for their opinion. Complaints were reported from tenants in the vicinity of the playground about the noise but it was felt no action could be taken.

15/06/1970 'Road widening. Proposal to widen the roadway at the Crescent to 18ft with a 5ft footway. This would involve setting back the railings opposite the chapel and community centre, six feet. County Land Agent assessed the value of

the land involved (163sq meters) as nominal i.e. one pound and asked the Parish council to dedicate the land without monetary payment. No conveyance is needed but if at some future date a conveyance is necessary it would be at the county's expense. The county council are to set back the railings on to the new highway boundary.. It was decided to agree to these proposals for the widening of the road and to dedicate the land required to the county council on the usual terms of the county's receipt and undertaking and to authorise Mr Hind and Mr Gough to sign the agreement on receipt from the CCC. The county Council are prepared to accept the Parish councils claim to Possessory title of uninterrupted use for over thirty years of the land on which the playground is situated. This widening scheme will alter the position of the guard rail at the entrance to the playground on that side and Mr Wightman is to be given amended instructions.

20/07/1970 'Councillors reported that the work on the playground appears to be satisfactory ERDC surveyors dept. who supervised the work had recommended an edging to the tarmac to prevent crumbling, concrete edging would cost £20 treated wood about £7 and in their opinion wood was adequate. Approval was given for this additional expenditure.'

21/09/1970 'ERDC have been informed of possessory title to the playground. Mr Cameron to be asked if he can supply paving slabs for 6ft of path left unfinished awaiting the road works on the Crescent.'

19/10/1970 '6ft of path has been tarmaced.'

16/11/1970 'ERDC do not contest the Parish council claim to the land.'

18/01/1971 'Mr Cameron to be asked for cost of hard surfacing approximately half of playground.'

26/07/1971 'Wickstead inspection of play equipment satisfactory, seat damaged by vandals to arrange for repair.'

20/09/1971 'Seat repaired and new path laid by County Highways. Suggested notice board be erected near bus stop within Park approx. 40" x 30" free-standing glass fronted ERDC to be consulted.'

18/12/1972 'Wickstead inspection report accepted and order placed for spare parts. The Police to be asked if they can co-operate in stopping offenders committing a nuisance in the bus shelter near Thornhill Playground.'

19/03/1973 'House improvements at Thornhill delaying work starting on new bungalows for the elderly. 4 residential caravans temporarily housed on the Park in conjunction with the house renovations.'

18/06/1973 'to undertake the painting of the railings and the bus shelter at a cost of no more than £90'

21/01/1974 'Caravans have been removed from the Park and the council to be asked to make good with turf, and to estimate for 50sq ft of tarmac. Enquiries to be made re 50p per head grant for recreation facilities'

22/04/1974 'Estimate for tarmac £590.15 Copeland to be asked what they are prepared to do'

17/06/1974 'Copeland asked to proceed with re-instatement, request grass to be cut monthly until September'

15/07/1974 'Request for £135 advance payment before work can be started by county Highways dept'

16/06/1975 ' At the annual Parish meeting the residents association shown concern about the spikes on the top of the playground railings suggested the erection of a barrier opposite the Post Office and the provision of more litter bins. The railings are not considered to be a hazard no action to be taken. Pedestrian gate opposite P.O. Copeland Accident Prevention Committee to be consulted.'

15/09/1975 'permission granted to CBC to install temporary mess room and toilet for workmen employed on the council estate.'

17/11/1975 'estimate for Parish notice board to be erected in the Park and made by Mr Caddy £34, planning application to be submitted to county Highways.'

20/09/1976 'complaints received about dogs in the playground and that the seat is broken. Also to note the swings need repair clerk to contact Wickstead re swings and ask if county Highways will repair seat.'

11/10/1976 'possibility of erecting no dog notices'

15/11/1976 'enquiries to be made about private by-law regarding dogs.'

17/01/1977 'planning permission needed for no dog notices, forms to be completed'

27/06/1977 'new plastic swing seats damaged again. Decided that wooden seats more practical clerk to write for estimate also to enquire about a set of toddler swings to be put up in addition to existing ones.'

25/07/1977 'quotation received from Wickstead for 6 seats at £4.50 each. Order to be placed for same requesting supplier to fit and confirm that regular safety chains will be used. Mrs Rooke 33 Ehen road has volunteered to lock swings Mr Wilson to arrange for new chains and locks.'

12/09/1977 'Insurance cover suggested raising cover on Public Liability to £250,000 . swing seats ordered but they will not fit, Clerk to write asking for safety check and to get quotes toddler swings from other suppliers.'

17/10/1977 'trees at Thornhill Mr Howgill visited and made various suggestions re sites and types. It was agreed to ask him for estimates for planting all three of his suggested sites plus the MMB site using suitable trees but pointing out that possible traffic hazard could be made by bushy trees in corners of the Park'

19/12/1977 'Mr Howgill suggested this may be suitable for job creation scheme and he has passed our letter on. MMB have decided to plant a conifer tree and ask that we plant the same. clerk to advise them varieties suggested by Mr Howgill in the hope they will choose one of these instead.

16/01/1978 'Wickstead's safety report completed and estimate for repairs £150-200. Mr booth to inspect to see if local repairs possible. Concrete litter bin at bus shelter completely smashed, Police investigating, Parish council to prosecute if offender not willing to pay cost of replacement. Dog notices now made to be fitted soon.'

20/02/1978 'MMB agree to our planting cherry tree, they will plant conifers.'

18/12/1979 'Thornhill Sub committee met with Mr Howgill and agreed on planting scheme, to go ahead with plants from nursery when members ready'

19/02/1979 'Ownership of the Park Thornhill . this was queried under commons registration Act. It was agreed that we claim under Possessory Title as before with ERDC.'

15/10/1979 'Bulbs now received from Singleton's more than enough for park Thornhill so also to be planted at St Thomas Cross, Woodbank, Oaklands, OAP Bungalows and Police House Thornhill, Mrs Gibson to be asked if school children can plant those on Thornhill'

19/11/1979 ' Toddler swings now arrived also litter bins. Mr Caddy is willing to erect them and will give quotation. Round Table might be able to do them to be asked. Members will fix litter bins. All bulbs now planted except Oaklands which will be done soon. Letter of thanks to be sent to Mrs Cowen and Mr Pattinson.'

17/12/1979 'Quote from Mr Caddy for laying concrete base and erecting swings £43. Decided to accept this but if work not completed in reasonable time other arrangements to be made.'

21/01/1980 'Round Table would be prepared to lay base for swings providing there was no liability on their part. It was agreed that if they did the work we would give them a written guarantee of this. Advised that a stretch of railings at Post Office end had been knocked down. Mr Hodgson said there was a man in Egremont who did wrought iron work who might be able to fix them. It was agreed if he was willing to take on the work we should ask him to repair the rest of the railings round the Park.'

17/03/1980 'Work now started on repairing railings.'

19/05/1980 'Park railings now complete invoice received £170.20. Concern was expressed about the amount of broken glass which always seemed to be under the climbing frame. It was thought these were empty milk bottles which were left outside the Co-op and taken by children for target practice. There was nothing much that could be done about this but Clerk to ask Mrs Gibson at School to mention this and the litter problem to the schoolchildren.'

21/07/1980 'Co-op have made arrangements to keep empties inside the shop overnight.'

15/09/1980 'It had been suggested that it might be better to remove the remains of fence around the new trees altogether rather than mend it, but having seen the mess made by bikes on the rear of the Park members felt the trees needed some protection and the fence should be mended. Clerk to order new 2 swing seats to replace broken ones.'

20/10/1980 ' Graphskill have removed broken section of railing and hope to have it back by the end of the week'

16/03/1981 'Mr Wilson Mr Hind Mr Oldfield Mr Williams and Mr Dowling planted 18 trees on the Park but by the following week 6 or 7 of these were broken. Members decided it was not worth replacing them.'

13/04/1981 'Wyndham sponsored Day It was agreed the children from Thornhill could re erect the fence behind the trees on the Park.'

28/04/1981 Annual Parish Meeting ' the land for the proposed bowling Green was not now available, PC had continued horticultural efforts with bulbs and

trees although several had suffered from vandalism, a Best Kept Garden competition was being organised. It had been hoped that the disused railway line could be used for country walk but with little support from Copeland and neighbouring Parishes it was unlikely. An amenity fund was set up with £1000 from Precept and £1000 from BNFL Grant.'

18/05/1981 'reported that another section of the railings is now broken these to be inspected and matter to be discussed next meeting.'

22/06/1981 'Park railings, agreed to have another section of railings made so there will be no gaps as sections go for repair, to ask Beckermat Engineering for quote. Seat on Park broken again Mr Caddy has been asked to repair it on site.'

20/07/1981 'Quotation received from Beckermat Engineering £ 73 for new section, it was agreed to ask them to make new section and put it in place of damaged one(they would be asked to keep old one and use for repairs later)'

19/10/1981 'Several more sections of railings now needing repair, Beckermat Engineering to be asked to inspect and supply quote for putting it in order.'

16/10/1981 Meeting with Beckermat Engineering and Mr Wilson and Mr Oldfield to inspect railings. It was decided to add strengtheners to each section rather than try to replace all weak sections. Still waiting written quotation but agreed if Mr Wilson thought it was ok. than work to go ahead. They were also to replace missing piece of rail on slide and make one seat for swings.'

15/02/1982 'Clerk to write to Beckermat Engineering explaining that railings are deteriorating fast and need urgent repair.'

15/03/1982 Railings inspected and found 19 sections in need of repair Beckermat Engineering promised to repair as soon as possible.'

19/04/1982 'Repairs now finished clerk to ask them to fix missing piece on slide and straighten rail in fence opposite church.'

19/07/1982 'Slide handrail was loose and parts badly corroded and in dangerous condition. Mr Wilson had wired up bottom of steps so younger children could not use them and would ask Beckermat Engineering to fit replacement handrails urgently. Chains and shackles on some of the swings were badly worn and dangerous, Mr Wilson had asked Copeland if they had spare chains in stock which they had. It was agreed to ask them to supply and fit chains otherwise the swings would have to be taken out of action and chains ordered from Wickstead.'

18/10/1982 'Estimate for slide handrails received Beckermat Engineering £344 for supply and fit Wickstead £351 supply and £92 to fit. It was felt it would be safer to get manufacturer's fittings but there was possibility members could do fixing, Clerk to write for assembly instructions. Watson's had put new chains and seats on swings.'

20/12/1982 'Mr Wilson met the Area Manager of Wickstead and looked at the handrails, it would be too difficult for members to fit a new set. Order now placed for delivery to Mr Gray at Carleton Lodge.'

01/09/1983 Special meeting held to discuss Copeland Urban Aid Programme.' A letter had been received asking for items to be included to be in by September 7th. Successful schemes would have 75% grant from the Department of the

Environment and the remaining 25% would be provided by Copeland. A suggestion had been made for refurbishing the Park Thornhill to provide 2 x 40 yd bowling lanes with surrounding paths and gardens at the northern end and with the children's play area confined to the southern end. A fenced off kick about area would also be included. Mr Wilson, Mr Oldfield and Mr Banks had had various discussions with Copeland Officials and visited Egremont bowling green. Copeland had agreed to work out the approximate cost of the scheme which they estimated to be in the region of £12-15000. The Parks superintendent had suggested that the green should be enclosed by a beech and thorn hedge, if planted now this would be well established before any work was completed. Members agreed that this would form a good replacement for the iron railings which are deteriorating quickly, and it would be a good idea to do the whole of the Park perimeter like this. Members discussed various points of the scheme such as the provision of a hut for storage purposes near the green and a log wall goal area and a basket ball post in the kick about area. There was general agreement and enthusiasm for the scheme as it was felt there was a need for recreation facilities for the large number of middle and old aged people on Thornhill, and it was decided to submit details of the scheme to Copeland.'

19/09/1983 'there had been no response to the advert for litter picker on the Park except one small boy who was too young to employ. However four girl Guides had now offered to do it as part of their community Service Badge. Clerk to write to Mrs Rogers accepting this offer. Mr Wilson to ask Mrs Rogers if she would oversee the work on behalf of the Parish council. Mr Gray would obtain some spare rubbish bags if required. Bowling green - Estimate now received from Copeland for approx. £8,000. The scheme would now go to the various Committees on Copeland and we should know by the end of next month what priority they had given it. Successful applicants in the government scheme would be notified in February 1984.. there was a discussion about planting a hedge all round the Park and it was agreed to precept for the amount required and plant sometime next year.'

21/11/1983 'Copeland advise this scheme 4th in priority list sent to Dept. of Environment. Nothing more will be heard until March 1984.'

16/01/1984 'Hedge, clerk had enquired about the cost of this from Copeland Parks Dept. they advised it would probably take about 1000 plants costing £285 +VAT (+delivery if we ordered them separately) they have an order in at present and we could include it with this, or we could wait until Oct. /Nov. It was agreed to wait until the autumn.'

20/02/1984 'another section of railing broken and badly in need of repair. Mr Wilson had asked someone to weld it but not done yet. If not done soon would ask Beckermat engineering.'

19/03/1984 Playground equipment ' Mr Wilson had looked at the items mentioned in Wickstead's safety report, the keeps on the slide were badly corroded and could cause a nasty accident so it was agreed that these should be replaced as soon as possible (approx. cost £120). The engineer had said that the

centre head casting of the swings was not of their manufacture but it was remembered that Mr Wilson had repaired this some years ago, and this may be causing confusion. Mr Wilson to check the diagrams of the repair and discuss it with the engineer. Mr Wilson had done temporary repairs to the Park railings which seemed to be holding broken section up for the moment. It was suggested that the metal strapping used to put up the dog notices would make a more permanent job so this to be done.'

16/04/1984 'letter from Wickstead's re repairs to head casting on swings. They advise that their British standard approved part must be used to comply with safety regulations. If there were to be an accident, our insurance may not cover us if the parts are not approved, so Mr Wilson to get in touch with the insurance company to discuss this with them.'

21/05/1984 'letter sent to insurance company giving details of repairs made and asking their advice on cover. Future of the Park - Mr Banks had worked out a scheme to convert half the Park into a garden which would be a memorial to the iron ore mining industry. Leaving the other half for the children to play in. Members thought this was a very ambitious scheme and would need careful thought before any decision was made. Matter to be discussed more fully at next meeting.'

19/06/1984 'No reply from insurance company as yet. There was a long discussion on Mr Bank's proposals. There was general agreement that something should be done to tidy up the Park, but there was a lot of concern about vandalism. It was finally agreed that a less ambitious scheme would be better and the PC would back this provided there was no cost to the PC for the first twelve months at least. A sub-committee would be formed to discuss details and each stage of the scheme would be approved by the PC before it was started. Park railings. No work had been done by Hewitsons but an estimate had been received for £85 it was not clear what this referred to so Mr Wilson to check with them.'

16/07/1984 'Sub-committee had met and decided on a modified scheme with less garden and more lawns etc. A pit cage had now been offered by Haig Pit and it was proposed to use this in a new entrance opposite the Post Office. Mr banks was negotiating for a half wheel from Solway Pit Workington. A log wall would be constructed in the other half of the Park to form the basis of a kick about area. Members agreed in principle to go ahead with this scheme. Clerk to ask Copeland if planning permission is needed for the scheme and placing of pit equipment, also to ask if there are any services (electricity telephone water etc.) under the Park. Clerk also to approach Copeland to see if they are willing to lay lawns shrubbery etc.' Park railings - Mr Wilson had obtained detailed list of proposed repairs from Hewitsons but this seemed rather more than the £85 quote. Mr Wilson to check.'

17/09/1984 'Letter from insurance company that they will not withdraw their cover because of the "home made" repairs to the swings. No planning permission would be required for a garden and there are no services under the area in question. Copeland Parks dept. said it would be very costly if they laid it out for

us and suggested Youth Training Scheme. Clerk contacted them who will send someone out to look at it. (Clerk to ask them to contact Mr Wilson so that he can be on hand to discuss it with them) It was decided that members should see the pit cage and wheel before any more was done so that they would know what was involved. Mr Banks had made enquiries at BNFL about concrete plinths for these items and Balfour Beatty had offered to do it for nothing, BNFL would probably donate £2-300 towards the cost of the scheme. Mr Turnbull said he was concerned that the PC could be involved in some heavy costs in this scheme (wheel was now going to cost £60 and that didn't include transport or erection) he was also worried that items of this size would need very careful siting and fixing to ensure that they were safe. Members agreed with this and it was decided to look at the whole thing very carefully before any commitment was made. Litter - Mr Hind said he thought this had been particularly bad during the summer and asked who was responsible for clearing it. there was no-one to do it and the PC's offer of £3 per week had not been taken up. Increasing the offer was discussed and Clerk to find out if there is a maximum amount which can be offered to unemployed teenagers and schoolchildren.'

15/10/1984 'Playground equipment all needed painting and Mr Wilson suggested that we should include this in next years budget. He asked for volunteers to assist in replacing the keeps on the slide. Members had been to see the cage and wheel - the cage was not at all suitable and the wheel was very big and very rusty. YTS had passed our enquiry to the Community Programme Scheme who wanted to start almost immediately and sent forms for us to sign. Mr Wilson had explained that it was only a tentative enquiry. Balfour Beatty had offered to make a properly designed plinth for the wheel and to lay paths. BNFL would assist either in cleaning up the wheel or in laying lawns. Mr Oldfield said he thought the wheel was too big for the space, could be dangerous, costly to maintain and proposed that we should not continue with this part of the scheme. This was carried by 6 votes to 3, so the wheel will not now be included. Mr Wilson thanked Mr Banks for all his efforts and congratulated him on all the offers of assistance he had managed to get. It was hoped that these people may still be willing to assist in alternative proposals for a memorial.'

19/11/1984 'Over the weekend half the Park had been taken over by contractors for a work compound while they are renovating houses on the estate. Permission had been given by Copeland who thought they owned the land. They do not and members were most upset about this. Roy Todd had promised a letter of apology but it was felt that this was not enough. Mrs Allen proposed that the contractors should be told to leave immediately and restore the land to its original state. This was defeated by 5 votes to 4 with 1 abstention. Mr Hind proposed that we advise Copeland that we would overlook their trespass on our land provided that Copeland Parks Dept install a garden on the Park to our approval at the end of the contract period. Supposedly 6 months. We are planting a hedge around the perimeter this winter, so this will be done in the other half, the remainder to be completed by Copeland, at their expense, with matching hedging. Agreement

must be received by 10th December without fail. This proposal was agreed unanimously. As a matter of interest Clerk to ask District Valuer what sort of rent would be chargeable on this land, also to find out if planning permission is necessary.'

17/12/1984 'letter of apology received from Roy Todd and agreement that Copeland would reinstate land in form of a garden when contractors have finished. (they ask for details of what we require) District Valuer had said that a rent of £20 per month would be appropriate, planning permission should have been applied for but it appears that Copeland are not bothering.'

18/03/1985 'Mr Keenan Parks Dept attended to give us some ideas for landscaping the Park. It was generally agreed that it would look odd if only the area of the compound was made into a garden and the garden should therefore go right up to the centre path. This would require some negotiation with Copeland. Mr Keenan suggested various ideas using shrubs and heather, raised beds and paved walks etc contractors were not due to finish until May at the earliest which would be too late for planting and the Parks dept would not be able to start until about September anyway, due to pressure of work. It was agreed that members should have a look at various layouts round Whitehaven and Egremont and report to the April meeting with ideas which could best suit the Park. Play equipment - Mr Wilson had been asked if the PC could provide some adventure type equipment at Thornhill and he had agreed to look into the matter. Mr Keenan brought some catalogues of equipment but said that they were very expensive. Kells MSC had built some in Whitehaven but had not used seasoned timber which was not satisfactory. He also pointed out that there could be problems with insurance on "home made" equipment. Members agreed to look at the catalogues and see if anything could be done to provide something like this.'

15/04/1985 'Members had looked at various layouts round Egremont. It was agreed that the Thornhill members should get together one evening to work out details for the Park. Play equipment - youngsters had not been back to see Mr Wilson since he had got the catalogues.'

13/0/1985 Subcommittee had not yet met to pool ideas. Section of railings now repaired at a cost of £92.50.'

17/06/1985 'Contractors still there. Sub-committee still not met to discuss plans. Another section of railings damaged. Mr Wilson had asked Hewitsons to repair and this had been done.'

15/07/1985 'Contractors have vacated site. Meeting to be arranged to discuss garden plans.'

16/09/1985 'Mr Turnbull had gathered from Andy Turner of the county tree planting scheme that a landscape architect was available, it was agreed to try to get him to give us some ideas for the Park.'

21/10/1985 'Landscape architect would be look at the area. Hewitsons were attending to more repairs on the railings. Clerk to write to Susan Bell to thank her for sweeping up the broken glass under the climbing frame on numerous occasions.'

18/11/1985 ' sketch for garden layout received from Mr Keenan, he had agreed to meet councillors to discuss it - Mr Hind and Mr Wilson to arrange meeting.' It had been mentioned to Mr Wilson that there were a couple of people who might be willing to clear litter on the Park regularly. Members agreed that £100 per annum should be offered to anyone willing to take this on. It was left to Mr Wilson to negotiate.'

16/12/1985 'Mr Wilson had approached Susan Bell who was willing to take on the litter cleaning of the Park for £100 p.a. It was agreed to pay this quarterly in March June Sept. and Dec.'

17/02/1985 ' clerk to write to Mr Keenan and ask him to go ahead with scheme presented by Copeland in Sept.'

21/04/1985 ' Start made on garden by Parks Dept, some work still to be done.'

30/04/1985 'Special meeting called to discuss Thornhill Park Copeland's Parks dept had recently made a raised bed which had been planted with some shrubs. The same evening children were seen riding their bikes through the bed. Mr Wilson felt that a small fence was needed to stop this. He had asked a fencing contractor working at Sellafield to give an estimate, as follows: approx. 26 meters fancy post and nail fencing 18" high £350 or approx. 26 meters stockade type fencing 18" high £400. Members felt that this was too expensive. It was agreed to look for cheaper alternatives, but also to see how the situation develops - perhaps if enough people take notice and stop these children, then there would be no need to fence the bed at all.'

19/05/1985 ' there was still a problem with bikes being ridden through the shrubs, but it was not too bad so far. Members felt that something more could be done with the area so clerk to ask Mr Keenan to come to the next meeting to discuss it. '

09/06/1985 'Members went out on the Park with Mr Keenan to discuss the situation there. He had noted the problem with bikes and intended to plant some larger shrubs in the middle of the bed to try to deter this. He would also put some kerbstones round one side of the bed. He said he had not finished making the garden and intended to add to it with a seat and at least one more bed of shrubs or even bedding plants. He would get a padlock and chain (sending bill to PC) and would ensure that the gates by the Post Office were kept locked.'

15/09/1985 'Some weeding done by Parks Dept but still a problem with bikes riding through.'

20/10/1986 'Mr Keenan has said he will do the beds as part of his winter programme. dogs - Copeland solicitor compiling list of public places to be inclusion on proposed by law. The following to be included for us: Thornhill Park, Thornhill Playing field. Clerk to ask about putting up notices about dog fouling. Slide - Mr Keenan could provide earth mound underneath to reduce height, Mr Wilson to discuss it with him.'

17/11/1986 ' Copeland advise that existing bylaw on dog fouling covers all urban footway's which includes villages, estates etc. Notices can be put up anywhere we choose so long as they only mention fouling. Clerk to enquire about

the cost of signs. PC Stagg suggested a campaign in the school to educate children in the need to stop their dogs doing this. Mr Keenan had suggested putting matting under the slide. Mr Wilson was going to look at some samples of this.'

15/12/1986 'Copy of letter from Home Office and draft bylaw received from Copeland (for circulation by members) sample notices received from smiths - rather expensive. Clerk to write for further examples to other firms. Clerk enquired about fines for dog fouling on footpaths and was told there was no fixed penalty. Slide - samples of matting received from Mr Keenan, very expensive (approx. £30 sq. m) members felt this would cost too much and it was agreed to go back to the original idea of an earth mound under the slide. Mr Meter to discuss with Mr Keenan.'

19/01/1987 'Mr Meter had spoken to Motif Prints of Whitehaven who could provide notices at approx. £1.50 each. Clerk to check with them and confirm wording on signs.'

16/02/1987 ' Firm order placed for 12 notices. Mr Keenan agreed to raise area under slide by approx. 1 metre this to be done along with other work on Park during early March.'

16/03/1987 'Mr Wilson had asked Hewitson engineering to repair a section of railings near the Post Office. Clerk to ask them also to repair gate hinge and replace 2 rails at MMB end.'

18/05/1987 '4 of 6 swing seats now broken clerk to order 6 new ones.'

13/07/1987 ' Mr Wilson had been asked if safety surfaces could be laid under play equipment in the park. This is to be discussed further at the next meeting. Mrs Bell had persuaded some Girl guides to help with litter collection as part of their community service. Clerk to order 2 plastic rakes from Kleeneze to help with this also 2 pairs of work gloves. It was agreed that if the Girl guides were to do the work then the money should be paid to their funds.'

21/09/1987 'clerk had spoken to Mr Keenan asking him to do something about the slide, he had brought his boss to inspect, who said it would still not be safe even with an earth mound under it, also said climbing frame and swings have dangerous concrete underneath. Copeland have removed several playgrounds which were similar and the new policy is that no equipment should be installed with out safety surfaces beneath. It was proposed and agreed that all the existing equipment should be dismantled immediately. Clerk to ask Hewitsons to do this as soon as possible, taking away the slide and frame and delivering the swings and chains to the school for storage. Clerk to contact Copeland to arrange meeting with sub committee(Mr Wilson Mr Banks Mr MacKay and Mrs Allen) to discuss replacement equipment and new surface.'

19/10/1987 'Thornhill sub committee met Mr Taylor and Mr Keenan from Copeland to discuss replacement playground equipment. Various literature was obtained and it was agreed to provide simple equipment for the younger children which would not attract the older ones so much. Clerk to write to Copeland

asking for grant towards replacement quoting replacement value of old equipment £2500 for equipment and £9500 for safety surface
14/12/1987 'Copeland advise that our request for grant aid has been referred to the Play Area working Group and will be considered by the Leisure and Amenities committee. There had been a spate of vandalism on Thornhill during the recent weeks and Mr Oldfield felt it was time that the PC tried to do something about it. Mr MacKay said that there was a drink problem involving not only teenagers but primary school children and that it was possible that the two might be connected. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask PC Stagg to attend the next meeting to discuss.'

15/02/1988 'Still no reply from Copeland. Mrs Wilson thought we might get more response if we decided what we wanted and how much we could afford , as Copeland may possibly match our input. Clerk to pass catalogue to Mr Wilson so that some decision can be reached on equipment.'

18/04/1993 'Still no reply from Copeland re financial assistance. Clerk to enquire about assistance from Playing field Association. It was noted that the playground at St Bees now had rubber matting down but it was thought this was a Copeland play area and not PC. Clerk to talk to Copeland to ask if possible to lay rubber matting on top of concrete under swings so that they could be brought into use again. Thornhill sub-committee to meet and discuss purchase of equipment. New notice board now installed by Ponsonby Joinery cost £151.80.'

16/05/1988 'Copeland say no money will be forthcoming as they are concentrating on their own playgrounds. Members decided they would make do with grass round equipment. Mrs Allen to get quote from Fenwicks for removing concrete plinths and turfing area, also to get equipment catalogues from Mr Keenan. Mr Richards to get quote from O'Connor's for cutting off swing frames at base, shortening them and replacing them over grass, also to ask if they could manufacture some play equipment for us.'

20/06/1988 'Mrs Allen got quote for £200 from Fenwicks for removing concrete bases from Park - cost of topsoil and turf extra. It was agreed to accept this when formal quote received. O'Connor's will move swings to central grass area and reduce height to 8ft, (quote awaited), also suggested piling old concrete in a heap, covering with soil and using for a base for slide which they could make for us. Members thought this was an excellent idea.'

15/08/1988 'Quote received from Fenwicks for £250 (Mrs Allen had received verbal quote for £200) still waiting for O'Connor's to move swing frames before we can ask Fenwicks to do anything . clerk to ask Copeland (again) to trim round edge between railings and hedge.'

19/09/1988 'Estimate received from O'Connor's for moving swing £348.45 members thought this a bit high but Mr Richards said he thought it was reasonable so it was agreed. Clerk to ask Mr O'Connor to contact Mr Wilson for details of siting etc. the hedge round the Park was causing concern, both in the size of the plants and the amount of weeds round them. Clerk to ask Groundwork rep to come out and talk to Mr Wilson about it.'

17/10/1988 ' Clerk to remind Mr O'Connor to contact Mr Wilson. Meeting arranged with Groundwork this week to discuss hedge.'

21/11/1988 'Mr Wilson met Groundwork to discuss hedge, they suggested owing to high cost of maintaining hedge and narrow strip of grass, it would be cheaper to take hedge out and continue maintaining railings. Members agreed with this. A lengthy discussion followed on future plans for the Park. It was agreed it would be a good idea to fence off the Post Office end, making it into a proper garden and possibly employ someone to tend it. Mr Wilson to mention possibility of fence to Mr O'Connor when he sees him about moving the swings.'

19/12/1988 'Mr Wilson to meet Mr O'Connor on Tuesday to discuss resetting of the swings, also to discuss fence across park to divide of a garden, he had suggested a concrete wall instead of a fence.'

16/01/1989 ' Swings moved and height reduced by O'Connor's, top clamp on one frame needs to be replaced. Dividing wall built across Park. Mr Wilson had seen Mr Milful about gardening on Park but he was not able to take it on. Several other people were suggested and Mr Wilson to see them.'

20/02/1989 'Mr Wilson had still not managed to get anyone to take on gardening, still to try Andrew Southam. Mr Hind to ask Mr Cunningham. Clerk to ask Fenwicks to go ahead and remove concrete plinths, fill in with topsoil and turf.'

17/04/1989 'Fenwicks have taken concrete plinths up but have not yet finished off. Still no luck with gardening.'

15/05/1989 'Fenwicks have put sods down but left it uneven - they have promised to roll it and tidy up. Clerk to ask Copeland when they intend to cut the grass and weed the beds, also to ask Hewitson's to shorten chains and replace swing seats. It was agreed that we could now think about buying some new equipment for the play area so Clerk to ask Mr Keenan for the loan of the catalogues. Mr Wilson had asked Mr Jackson about doing the garden and he was considering it, if he can't do it then a letter to be circulated round the village asking for a volunteer.'

19/06/1989 'Still no offers for gardening so note to be added to garden competition leaflet and circulated round estate. Still not satisfied with turf so Mr Wilson to contact Fenwicks again. Swing seats now put back but discovered that frames are not properly concreted in, Mr Wilson asked O'Connor's to do something urgently. Letter from NALC offering regular inspection of playgrounds by council insurance (£30 per site visit) Wicksteads also offer inspections at £25 per site. It was agreed that we should have inspections by insurance co rather than manufacturer - since one toddler swing had already been vandalised and the safety of the frames was doubtful all swings should be locked up until inspected. Mr Wilson to buy chains and locks as originals had been lost, also to obtain copy of BS5696 on playground equipment.'

21/08/1989 'Mr Wilson omitted reference to Park gardening from competition leaflet, but will send separate letter round estate this month. Fenwicks say weather has been too dry to level Park as yet. Concern about remains of steel

frame still left in ground, Mr Wilson to ask Fenwicks to remove. Clerk also to write to Fenwicks pointing out the dangers to children of that and also the uneven ground and mentioning liability. O'Connor's had re-concreted swing frames in, Cornhill had been to inspect but no report received yet. Mr Wilson had been looking at equipment catalogues; Wicksteads slide £700 swings approx. £700 log cabin slide and seats arrangement approx. £1700. Frame on toddlers swing was still good but needed new seats. £5884 in amenity fund at present. Members agreed that it might be a good idea to spend some of this money before Community Charge system comes in, so a decision to be made on new playground equipment, also seats and litter bins at next months meeting. Beckermets members to think about needs in Beckermets so money can be divide between two villages.'

18/09/1989 'No report received following playground inspection but engineering policy received from Cornhill. Clerk to ask why we need this policy for £5000 when we already have one for £1 million indemnity. It was agreed that we should purchase zigzag tower and slide from Wicksteads (£1023) Clerk to write to Wicksteads asking if they would install and how much. Also to ask Copeland who they use for installation and approx. costs, also to ask about vandal proof seats and litter bins. Clerk to order one new toddler swing seat from Wicksteads. It was also suggested that clerk should write to BNFL asking if they would be willing to make a contribution towards the new equipment.'

16/10/1989 'Report received on swings listing a lot of parts that need replacing. Mr Wilson and Mr MacKay to check this against parts list, also to work out area and cost of possible safety surfacing. Cornhill advised that new policy just covered inspections and did not affect old policy. BNFL considering our request for financial help. Wicksteads estimate for installing new equipment received £399. Mr Keenan attended meeting to discuss this subject and gave his estimate as £175. He also said that Copeland had several pieces of play equipment in stock and may be willing to sell them to us. He would check this out and matter to be held over for his reply.'

20/11/1989 'Mr Wilson and Mr MacKay still to do check on swings, nothing from Mr Keenan on equipment. BNFL asked whether PC involved in any fundraising, Clerk to inform only money from precept. Letter from Mr Dyer Copeland Client officer advises installation by specialist firm would cost £195- members agreed to accept this. Clerk to order slide from Wicksteads, also to ask for seat catalogues.'

18/12/1989 'check now done on swing parts and list compiled costing approx. £200, It was also suggested that safety guards be purchased for both sets of swings. It was agreed that Clerk should place order for spare parts and guards (total approx. £550). Mr Wilson had seen Mr Keenan who offered the following; Zigzag tower and slide £619, seesaw £326.90, Swings £243.60. It was agreed to purchase all these items for about same price as present price of slide from Wicksteads. Clerk to confirm this to Mr Keenan, also asking if any more items

for sale, and confirming that we would like their contractor to install just 2 items at Thornhill and 3rd at Mill Lane Beckermat.'

15/01/1990 'Mr MacKay still doing spare parts list but had worked out area and cost for safety surfacing on 3 new items of equipment. - approx. £4000. Members thought this out of the question at present but it could possibly be the subject of a grant application in the future (Figures given to Chairman for consideration) No reply as yet from Mr Keenan.'

19/02/1990 'List of spare parts now received from Mr MacKay clerk to order, together with safety guards for both swings. Mr Wilson still working on layout for new equipment, it was agreed that both items should be in fenced of area with seat placed nearby. No news on date for installing new equipment.'

19/03/1990 'Thornhill slide and seesaw now erected by Copeland. Seat also in position. Concrete fence panel smashed and whole fence needs bolting to stop further vandalism. Mr Hogg of Thorntrees drive offered to do odd jobs for us. Mr Wilson to ask him for estimate for fence, also for erecting swing safety guards when delivered. Mr Banks suggested erecting kick about wall - members to consider this.'

23/04/1990 'Mr Wilson had got estimate from Copeland for fitting guard rails, £260, for fitting spare swing parts £90. It was agreed to ask them to go ahead. Still waiting for estimate for fence from Mr Hogg, but if this seems reasonable Mr Wilson to ask him to go ahead.'

21/05/1990 'Copeland had fitted swing spares and guard rails, remaining toddler seat not safe so Copeland will replace from their stock. Mr Hogg mended fence.'

18/06/1990 'Spare seat fitted on toddler swing by Copeland, chain broken on big swings but this repaired by Hewitson's. Seats taken off seesaw awaiting fitting of locking bolts.'

20/08/1990 'Seats still not replaced on seesaw - waiting Copeland to provide bolts to fit.'

19/08/1991 'Mr MacKay had been told that 2 swing seats were in dangerous condition so he had managed to fix one and Mr Jagger was getting replacement part made locally.'

18/11/1991 'Copy of inspectors report on play equipment. Waiting delivery of seat from Wicksteads. Mr Hogg thought he may be able to acquire 2 or 3 seats which had been removed by contractors on by-pass site and were surplus to requirements. Members thought these could be put to good use and could be stored in school quad for now.'

16/12/1991 'Mr Jagger and Mr MacKay still to look at report. New seat received - Mr Hogg will install when British Gas have removed spoil head from Park.'

20/01/1992 'Mr MacKay and Mr Jagger still to check report.. Tree down on Park - Mr Jagger has asked Mr Keenan to investigate. Mr Hogg and Mr Carson hope to get new seat installed shortly.'

17/02/1992 'Swings still to be repaired, tree now removed, Mr Jagger to contact Parks Dept about other work to be done. Mr Hogg and Mr Carson to install seat next week.'

16/03/1992 'Mr Jagger had spoken to Mr Kirkbride who is to write to Clerk about work to be done on Park. Railings now in bad state - Clerk to ask Hewitsons for estimates for repairs.'

13/04/1992 ' Estimate for £240 received from Hewitsons for total repair. It was agreed to ask them to go ahead urgently as 2 sections of railing were loose and dangerous.'

15/06/1992 ' Railings now repaired. Fence in middle vandalised and becoming dangerous, since there seemed little point in having a fence there now, it was agreed that Mr Hogg should take it out. Park covered in litter recently and Mrs Banks 31 the Crescent had offered to clear it up. She had now done the job and Clerk to write a letter of thanks. Mr Carson had been approached by someone who had seen children jumping off the top of the railings and said they thought the spikes should be cut off because they might hurt their legs. It was generally agreed that the children should not have been there in the first place. Cutting the tops off the spikes would not do a lot of good and would probably be quite difficult and expensive to do. The spikes had been there a great many years and had not so far caused any problems.'

17/08/1992 'Mr Hogg had taken out broken bit of fence and members agreed that the seat could be left for the time being so long as bolts were put in to prevent further vandalism. Bus shelter on Crescent - already covered in graffiti again and being used regularly as a urinal. Clerk to ask Copeland about washing out with disinfectant. Members thought it might be a good idea to remove the centre panels next to the road so that it was open for the full length and not so dark in there. Clerk to ask Hewitsons to come and discuss this with Thornhill members.'

21/09/1992 ' Bolts still to be put in fence. Yet another tree broken and pulled out, members agreed that it was just not worth replacing it. Front panels taken out of bus shelter, invoice received for £94 including VAT. Mr Carson said he would use up rest of paint to try and cover some graffiti. Copeland said they would ensure it was washed out regularly with disinfectant. Telephone kiosk - Clerk had shown British Telecom her copy of the wayleave agreeing to have the kiosk moved across the road into the edge of the Park. This had been forgotten about but they agreed they would go ahead with it in this position.'

21/12/1992 'Fence across middle of Park now completely vandalised, Mr Hogg will remove altogether.'

15/02/1993 'Telephone kiosk now on site and working. Clerk had asked Hewitsons to give estimate for repair to railings.'

15/03/1993 'Estimate received for £165 for all repairs needed. This was agreed to so Clerk to ask Hewitsons to get on with the work. Clerk reminded Mr MacKay that insurance report on play equipment needed to be checked.'

19/04/1993 'Railings now repaired. Mr MacKay mentioned dangerous pointed tops on railings but members agreed once again that the railings had been like that for a very long time without causing problems. Mr Jagger had looked at the

play equipment with the insurance report, some spares did need replacing but the swings definitely needed painting. Clerk to ask Hewitsons who would do this.'

21/06/1993 'Quote received for painting, £341.25 from Williams and £490 from PCS. It was agreed to ask Williams to do the work and paint it red.'

16/08/1993 'Problems with keeping children off swings when paint wet, so EDW had asked if they could leave it until after school holidays. This agreed, Mr Carson also to see if swings could be easily removed during painting.

20/09/1993 'Painting still not finished but EDW said they would tie the swings up to prevent children from using them. Report received from Cornhill but 1 sheet missing, Clerk to pass full report to Mr MacKay when received.'

15/11/1993 'Painting finished at last.'

20/12/1993 'recycling centre - Copeland advise local objections to site on High road, clerk to suggest northern end of Park providing it is well secure. Clerk had asked Hewitsons for estimate to take points off railings. Members thought this should be done.'

17/01/1994 'Hewitsons had given verbal estimate for £500 to take all points off Park railings. Members were undecided whether they should spend that amount of money on this. Mr MacKay and Miss Threlfell to do full inspection of railings to find out how many sections still had points on and how many were in bad state of repair. A decision would be made at the next meeting.'

21/02/1994 'Mr MacKay and Miss Threlfell had done survey, no section desperate for repair at present. Clerk had been told that children were climbing on top of 'phone kiosk and jumping down over railings into the Park. Mr Mackay had been told by children that they always climbed over the railings rather than use the entrances. In view of this members agreed that all the points should be taken off and all tops cut as short as possible so that they did not provide handles for climbing over.'

21/03/1994 'Mr Buick of Copeland Environmental Health attended meeting to give details of proposed mini recycling centre sited on west side of Park. Members thought this acceptable but suggested that the existing fence be repositioned on the inside of the centre. Mr Buick agreed to consider this if we got estimate from Hewitsons. Clerk to do this.'

18/04/1994 'Hewitsons had almost finished taking the points off the railings. Clerk wrote to Copeland agreeing to their suggested site and enclosing quote from Hewitsons for moving railings and laying concrete base (£476 railings and £270 concrete)'

20/06/1994 '2 rails missing and 2 bent outwards on section south of bus shelter. Clerk to ask Hewitsons to replace section with new one. 3 swings broken on Park. Mr MacKay to look at these to see if we need some replacement parts.'

18/07/1994 'Trees had now been staked. Hewitsons had not replaced railings yet as not sure if it was that bad. Members thought this should be replaced as agreed as we could go on patching forever. Dog walk - Clerk had asked Mr Temple for estimate but seeing what a big job it was he had cut all down the side. he said the end could be cut with a strimmer and the whole job would cost £20 per cut.

Members thought this was reasonable and saw no point in purchasing a strimmer (£90 + VAT)..’

19/09/1994 ‘Another tree now broken at bottom. New section of railings now in. Swings - Mr MacKay had been able to effect some repairs but some spares needed. Mr Carson to ask if any help possible from BNFL. List of spares to be made for order. Mr Jagger had offered to help repair. Clerk had received complaint of muddy state of are round swings etc. It was agreed to have these areas re-grassed. Clerk to get some estimates.’

17/10/1994 ‘Calder Landscapes quoted £195.40 incl. VAT to re-grass worn area incl. Gravel soak away. County Council quoted £142.31 exc. VAT but would not inc. gravel. (Calder also included small amount to re-stake trees) It was agreed to give them the work. Mr MacKay had asked Clerk about insurance position with repairs. Would he be held responsible if an accident happened? Cornhill said that public liability would cover. Annual inspection report dated 7/10 received.

Cornhill said repairs should be carried out by qualified person, if Mr Jagger did work with Mr MacKay’s help this would cover us. It was agreed to carry on as before also to replace seesaw seats. Work still not started on recycling centre.’

21/11/1994 ‘ Cornhill want confirmation that seesaw seats will be replaced and safety surfaces installed. Clerk to confirm about seats, also to advise worn areas will be re-grassed - PC can’t afford very expensive surfacing (prices start at about £30 per sq. m.) Mr MacKay still to do list of spares for swings. Still no action on recycling centre. Copeland have asked Hewitsons for new quote for work. Letter from Copeland asking for details of existing play area and assessment of what else is needed in parish. Members suggested provision of safety surfaces if Copeland would fund, also provision of more equipment for younger children or adventure type equipment.’

13/02/1995 ‘spares list given to Wicksteads and delivery waited.’

15/05/1995 ‘spare fixed and complete clerk to order one new seat’

19/06/1995 ‘ Seat received and fitted. Other swings mended. Miss Threlfell had suggested locking swings at night but this was not thought necessary as yet - tamper proof bolts had been used in repairs. Mr Carson said he noticed mainframe on big swings was moving, clerk to ask Hewitsons to inspect and see if it just needs re-concreting or if metal weakened. If concrete required then to get several estimates.’

17/07/1995 ‘Hewitsons have inspected swing frame and need to weld another piece on at an angle before concreting so that frame is held securely. Clerk asked them to do this. Mr Carson now has another repaired swing to put up.’

16/10/1995 ‘Mr Carson was not satisfied that Hewitsons had done anything to secure the swing frame as it was still moving. Inspection report passed to Mr Carson.’

20/11/1995 ‘Hewitsons had said that welding would not be obvious as it was underground but they would have another look at it. Letter from insurers asked for confirmation that recommendations had been carried out - this involved warning signs and safety surfacing. Clerk had asked County for signs but they

had refused on the grounds that the distance criteria for warning signs could not be met, also there were already warning signs for the school. Clerk had explained to insurers about the high cost of rubberised safety surfacing and pointed out that bark was not advisable owing to problems with dogs and vandalism. Insurers had replied that we should budget for surfacing and put bark down interim with daily inspection routine, also ban dogs from playground. It was agreed to get application from neighbourhood Forum for grant towards surfacing. Clerk to ask dog warden about signs prohibiting dogs from playground.'

14/12/1995 'Hewitsons will have another look and if necessary will concrete to secure. Mr Carson said he would take swings off until it was set. Grant forms obtained from Neighbourhood forum clerk to fill in. Photo of suitable dog notice obtained from dog warden, it was agreed to buy 4 of these for the Park at a cost of £22.50 each. Mr MacKay then asked if PC would also buy 2 for the school gates. This was agreed.'

15/01/1996 'Hewitsons were waiting until they had another concreting job as only a small amount was needed for the swings. Clerk had asked Wicksteads for full estimate for safety surfacing so that this could be used for grant application.'

19/02/1996 'estimate for surfacing received £10,000. Even with grant aid this was too expensive for our means so nothing to be done at present, except for Clerk to get other estimates. It was mentioned in estimate that swings and slide were to close together and the centre casting was cracked on swing frame and pear drops were worn. New frame for 4 swings could be bought for approx. £400. Mr Brown and Mr Carson to ask to meet Hewitsons and inspect frame to see if repairs possible. Mr Brown to get BS regulation giving minimum distances between play equipment.'

18/03/1996 'Mr Brown consulted BS5696 re distances and recommended (not mandatory) 6.2m our swings 5m from slide. Hewitsons had inspected centre casting which had been replaced by bracket years ago and is considered adequate. Estimate for new pear drops £348, weld and drill old ones £314. Members decided it would be better to spend approx. £600 on new frame as this one is 30 years old and considered obsolete. Clerk had 2 more quotes for surfacing; Chas Lawrence £7800 (if all done at once) Playdale £8000. Maximum grant from Neighbourhood forum would be £1000. It was agreed by 7 votes to 1 therefore to buy new 4 swing frame and have this installed with safety surfacing by Playdale. This would mean that the most dangerous item was made as safe as possible. Clerk to ask Playdale for price for smaller frame, also if they would install Wicksteads equipment. If so then can order frame.'

15/04/1996 'Quotation from Wicksteads for 4 swing frame only - £679+VAT, Playdale said they would install new frame for approx. £200. Mr Brown and Mr Carson had site meeting and decided that "poured" type of surfacing would be far better without probability of vandalism that tiles would have. This type had been quoted as approx. £4000 for this item alone but £7800 for all items. Members decided that it would perhaps be better to wait and do all items together as accidents could occur on any of them. It was agreed that Clerk should write to

various organisations to see if financial help would be available. Mr MacKay asked if it could be minuted that the PC were doing everything they could to try to make this equipment as safe as possible. To go ahead with this project would cripple the PC financially so every effort must be made to get some help. 3 or 4 sections of fence opposite Post Office in need of replacement, although we had asked Hewitsons to replace other sections it would appear they had been repaired instead. Clerk to ask them for quote to replace these sections also to ask Watson's, Bigrigg for quote.'

20/05/1996 'Applications for grant aid had been sent to :Neighbourhood forum, Cumb. Playing Fields Association, Home Housing, Nirex, Copeland BC and Snowball fund. Nothing forthcoming so far. Clerk had written to insurance company explaining steps being taken to try to get surfacing.'

17/06/1996 ' some replies now in. Copeland suggest concurrent services fund - since we are only allocated £995 per annum this will not cover even grass cutting costs. Nirex require more information - copy of estimates have been sent. Cumb. Playing fields have promised us £55 (on production of paid invoices) Neighbourhood forum -application not on agenda for next meeting. Snowball Fund have policy of non involvement in Council matters. Estimate from Watson's for 4 fence panels £632 +VAT Hewitsons have supplied full breakdown of which panels needed repaired/replaced and details of prices for posts panels installation etc. This worked out cheaper. Members to make their own inspection to see which were priority areas and notify Clerk what they wanted Hewitsons to do. Over the weekend a car had demolished 2 sections and damaged a 3rd. Clerk had contacted police and was waiting to speak to officer who dealt with the incident. Hopefully driver was insured and PC would be able to claim on him for damage. Mr MacKay would take photos of damage after meeting. Clerk to ask police if we can then remove railings to avoid accident, if so then to contact Hewitsons to ask them to take away and store in case needed for evidence. Also to block gap to stop children running on to road.'

15/07/1996 ' Neighbourhood forum application to be heard in Jan. '97 (non retrospective), further details sent to Nirex but nothing further heard, nothing from Home Housing but Mr Morgan was attending Tenants forum and would enquire further. Mr Brown would find out how to apply for lottery funds. Fence - Hewitsons had removed and stored damaged railings, since temporary fence was being vandalised, mr Carson had asked clerk to tell Hewitsons to go ahead with making replacement panels as we would be liable if a child ran out into the road. Insurance details of driver received and clerk had written to them. they replied asking for details of our insurance and alternative quotes. Clerk to ask Hogg Fencing for quote and advise insurance company that on grounds of safety we have already told Hewitsons to carry on.'

19/09/1996 'donation of £200 from Nirex towards surfacing, Clerk to write and thank them. Home Housing rang to say they only give financial help on this sort of thing when they have over 1000 houses. CBC advised we could not just apply for lottery funds, it had to be under appropriate heading (playgrounds are not

classed as sport0. We could apply to charities board when correct "theme" came round - he would advise when time was right. Mr Brown had visited Play Resource Centr at York and found the day very useful - he said there were other avenues to try for grants. Zurich Inspector had rung to say Wicksteads had issued withdrawal notices for our type of swings and they must be removed. Mr Carson had checked and found ours were a later model and ok. Damaged section of fence now repaired together with other outstanding repairs, Clerk had sent estimates to insurers but no reply. Invoice received from Hewitsons (£264.38) 2 more sections in need of replacement, clerk to inform Hewitsons.'

21/10/1996 'Zurich Inspector had visited again and found frame on toddlers swing loose also said seat heights were incorrect. Mr Carson to see to these points. All repairs now done on fence. Nothing further from insurance company - clerk has written again. Agreed to pay Hewitsons and reclaim from insurers. '

18/11/1996 'Mr Carson could not see what was wrong with swing frame - Clerk to ask Hewitsons to have a look. Mr Carson to adjust swing heights. Official report now received from Zurich, also mention bearing worn on seesaw. Clerk to ask Hewitsons to look at this as well. Insurers have now agreed to pay for car damage to fence.'

16/12/1996 'Hewitsons attended to swing frame and seesaw, with regard to seat height s Mr Carson said the problem was with the ground wearing away underneath. It was this which needed adjustment rather than the seats. Cheque for full amount received from insurers (£902.40)'

20/01/1997 'Seesaw now mended. It was decided to wait until spring before filling in hollows under swings.'

17/02/1997 'Grant of £1700 promised from Neighbourhood Forum this makes total so far £1955 promised and received, with money put aside from precept we should now have about half total needed. Mr Brown to try Yorkshire contacts for other possible grants. Clerk to get more quotes for surfacing. Railings by Bus shelter are rotten, small section can be removed without affecting safety. Mr Hogg to do this ASAP.'

17/03/1997 'With money from precepts, grants and bank it may be possible to do surfacing in next financial year. More quote received Chas Lawrence £8849 Laytex £8498 (both +VAT) Wicksteads rep came to talk about various options for surfacing -wet pour variety is not most vandal proof. Quote to come from them shortly. Mr Hogg has had another look at railing and decided if he removed it would leave a gap children could get through, he has made a repair and a decision could be made later on a permanent solution.'

21/04/1997 'Grant received from Neighbourhood Forum. Mr Brown had obtained more information about possible grant sources. When all quotes were received it was agreed a sub committee (Mr Brown Mr Hogg and Mr Carson)would go through them all in detail and recommend to the full council whichever they thought the best. The council would vote whether to proceed. Clerk had received complaint today of child being injured on broken railings by bus shelter. She rang Mr Caddy who removed broken section altogether. Mr

Hogg said he had tried making temporary repairs on two occasions but this had failed because posts were stolen.'

19/05/1997 'letter received from Playing Fields Association reminding us the grant of £55 was only valid for 12 months, clerk phoned and explained situation and told to contact when situation more clear. All quotes now received. Rails have been pulled out of some sections of railings, Clerk to get sections replaced. Mr MacKay volunteered to do full survey.'

16/06/1997 'Hewitsons to replace 2 sections of railings. No decision on play surfacing yet Clerk had up to date bank balances and pointed out that a maximum of £12000 could be spent.'

21/07/1997 'Mr Brown and Mr Carson recommended that the safety surfacing work be done by Chas Lawrence at a cost of £10,337.69, also felt that new swing frame is purchased from Wicksteads for £836.48 so that this can be put in at same time as surfacing. This was agreed by all members. As this would leave less than £700 in our savings account it was agreed to ask Copeland for a grant towards this huge expenditure.'

22/09/1997 'Hewitsons have closed down, they recommend Philip Porter Cleator Moor and clerk had asked for quote. His prices agreed and Clerk to ask him to replace sections (location to be confirmed by Mr Carson). Safety surfacing now finished and invoice received. New clamps ordered to attach old guards to new swing frame. Also need 2 new seats with chains and repair kit for seesaw. Mr Carson said the toddler swing would need spares shortly and also would we look into buying a new seat for the Park next year.'

17/11/1997 'Railing now repaired and to contact probation service about painting. Swings now fitted and guards also seesaw kit received. Swings had been padlocked using school lock while waiting for repair and this had been cut off by Mr Sherwood. New padlock to be purchased for the school and Mr Sherwood to be asked to pay for it.'

15/12/1997 'Mr Porter repairing seesaw. No word from Mr Sherwood about cost of padlock.'

19/01/1998 'Railings - as any new section would come ready painted it was agreed that Mr Moyer should contact probation service re painting railings and bus shelter. Seesaw now repaired.'

16/02/1998 'Probation service will paint railings omitting any section obviously in need of repair, no start date given. Mr Moyer to point out that bus shelter to take priority. Playground inspection report received. Toddler swing too low and shackles worn otherwise everything in order.'

16/03/1998 'Mr MacKay had done full survey showing condition of each section. Mr Porter to be asked to contact Mr MacKay to arrange site meeting to get quote for repairs. Mr Moyer to ask probation service to delay painting for a while but to get bus shelter done ASAP. Trees in Park have some lower branches broken Miss Threlfell to clip off stubs to prevent children climbing up.'

18/05/1998 'community service people have started painting. Mr Porter not yet had site meeting. Mr Caddy said he was not happy that school children were

being asked to tidy litter on Park Mr Moyer to ask if community service did this sort of thing. Inspection report on play equipment received - seesaw not yet mended by Mr Porter Mr Carson to see him. Mr Carson said 1 swing was now broken and he thought problems were being caused by continually being wound round top bar. He suggested putting notices up threatening not to repair swings if this did not stop but this was decided against. It was agreed that the area should be policed by Thornhill members in an effort to stop this habit.'

15/06/1998 'Community service had now finished painting railings and bus shelter. Clerk had been asked for £193.36 to cover cost of paint. This was agreed with a further donation of £25 towards future community projects. They do not pick litter, the Park will be done by Copeland each time they cut the grass. 3 swings now broken which Mr Carson can probably repair with existing spares. Mr MacKay to draft leaflet for estate pointing out that the damage is caused by vandalism and if this doesn't stop the swings will not be repaired again this financial year.'

21/09/1998 'Mr Carson to ask Mr Porter to arrange meeting with him and Mr MacKay to discuss repairs to park railings, pear drops on toddler swings and seesaw.'

19/10/1998 'Mr Porter had been too busy to have meeting. Mr Carson and Mr Caddy to repair seesaw themselves and members asked to think of another company who may be able and willing to repair these railings on a regular basis.'

21/12/1998 'Still waiting for Mr Porter, A J Johnson workington had sent quote but this more expensive than Porter. Mr Caddy said he would look into quotes for replacing fence altogether. Members wondered if it would be safer to remove fence altogether.'

15/02/1999 'Mr Caddy had verbal quote £40 per metre for galvanised railings fitted. 77 sections = approx. £8000 total cost. To get 2 written quotes. Mr Carson had met Mr Porter and asked to replace 2 sections and repair a couple more to make fence safe.'

15/03/1999 'Railings still not mended. Clerk checked with insurance company who say we should not remove railings altogether. Possibility of replacing them in parts. Mr Caddy to get 2 quotes so we can perhaps apply for grant from Neighbourhood Forum.'

19/04/1999 'Railings now mended and in good condition so decided to wait before getting quotes for total replacement.'

17/05/1999 'Wicksteads now do free inspection of playgrounds. Comprehensive report received along with list of spare parts with codes and prices. Mr Carson to check this, Clerk to cancel ROSPA inspection.'

16/08/1999 'Seesaw mended slide wood is not rotten and will last a lot longer. Various spares including new seats and chains needed. Mr Carson had written out order totalling £472 + carriage +VAT It was agreed this order be placed.'

18/10/1999 'Thornhill Tenants and Residents Association (TTRA) want to try for grant from Neighbourhood Forum to replace Park railings and possibly make

improvements in Park in general. Last verbal quote for galvanised railings was approx. £8000. To be looked into further.'

18/10/1999 'Quote for railings from O'Connor £9778.37 two more quotes requested. Clerk to make enquiries about stone seats as groundwork have on Cycleway for Park.'

15/11/1999 'TTRA had presentation of stone seats from Groundwork and they are hoping to get some for Park. They will be applying for grants and local funding.'

17/01/2000 'Broken tree in the park Mr Caddy will remove.'

21/02/2000 'Letter from Kyle Smale asking for bikers amenities as they now have in Egremont, to be placed on the Park so that teenagers don't have to cross the by-pass to get to the Egremont one. Clerk to explain that this would cost far more than the PC could afford for Thornhill, also to point out that the cycle track will make journey to Egremont much safer.' Wicksteads now have to charge £25 +VAT per site for playground inspections. This was agreed.'

20/03/2000 Play Area bylaws cannot cover areas owned by PC's but we can make own bylaws. Copeland would help with the procedure. Members thought this would incur a lot of expense for very little advantage. If any problems occurred, police would be called anyway.'

17/04/2000 'Miss Threlfell said double gates outside Post Office were being left open and children were running out onto road in front of passing cars. It was agreed that these should be locked. A padlock and chain to be purchased one key sent to Copeland for grass cutting and one retained by PC.'

15/05/2000 'TTRA had written to request a contribution from PC towards improvements on the Park. They had already raised a substantial amount with fundraising and grants. It was agreed to make a significant donation but to discuss this in more detail at next meeting.'

21/08/2000 'Letter from TTRA saying as it is our park they will hand over funds raised to enable PC to purchase items for improvement. Stone seat and sculpture now purchased. Invoice for £2350 received TTRA will give £1500 towards cost PC will donate £500 +vat £350.'

18/09/2000 'TTRA held children's meeting to ask for ideas for Park. They had asked for BMX type track (which is to be done on old railway line) painting railings in bright colours (which PC agreed with and suggested probation service could do) small football net in Park (which TTRA could provide).'

16/10/2000 'TTRA would like to see paved area with planters and seats at rear of bus shelter. They have raised sufficient funds to cover cost of this . Quotations have been requested.'

18/12/2000 'Agreed to accept AMAC Paving -£1600. TTRA will make donation to PC to pay for this. Bus shelter has more panes of glass broken. Mr Caddy to arrange for it to be replaced with metal sheet.'

15/01/2001 'Paved area completed, Invoice received for £1650 (including extra £50 for security fencing whilst work done) Agreed to pay this. Cheque received from TTRA £1650 donation. Bus shelter estimate for £90 to replace broken panes

with metal sheet. Agreed to go ahead. The trees in Park are now leaning very badly. Mr Caddy and Miss Threlfell to see what can be done to straighten them.’
19/02/2001 Bus shelter broken panes (including 3 extra) now replaced with metal sheet invoice could be more than quote. TTRA have been offered enough 2nd hand galvanised fencing to do Park for approx. £6000. They would also like to have a fence across the middle to make play area dog proof. They have been awarded some landfill tax money which is earmarked for fencing and could pay for half of this. They ask if PC would pay other half. Members agreed that this was a good price and opportunity should not be missed. Fencing to be inspected and proper estimates prepared.’

26/03/2001 ‘Trees in Park propping up not successful - one has fallen over altogether. Agreed that both should be removed. Railings price quoted as £7863 inc. Vat. Agreed we should still go ahead. Grass cutting quote for next year £46.84 per cut. Agreed to ask them to carry on.’

23/04/2001 ‘Park railings in process of being done.’

21/05/2001 ‘Railings now complete. Invoice received. £3692 to come from TTRA. Comments - the gate by the bus stop is very tight and could be dangerous to fingers, could it be adjusted? A spike has been left in the ground and there is some rust. Comments will be passed via chairman TTRA to Birketts Fencing. Suggested Bus shelter needs painting again due to graffiti, councillors agreed to purchase paint.’

18/06/2001 ‘TTRA have tried to adjust the gate and will try again. Spike has been removed. Bus shelter now painted. J Carson to thank those involved.(£29.96 for paint) Grass cutting not satisfactory, clerk to ring and complain. Swing is broken also slide needs new platform and supports. Mr Caddy to see Mr Jenkins.’

20/08/2001 ‘The gate still needs adjustment, TTRA may fit spring closures. Swing repaired and slide refurbishment in hand. Agreed to send letter of thanks to TTRA on work done and congratulations on villages success in competitions.’

15/10/2001 ‘A telegraph pole has been erected in the Park, clerk wrote regarding Wayleave no reply.’

19/11/2001 ‘Meeting held with ARM (BT contractors) little effective result, clerk to pursue.’

18/12/2001 ‘BT have decided to move pole outside Park fence.’

21/01/2002 ‘BT pole now moved.’

18/03/2002 ‘Playground inspections now due, clerk to arrange with ROSPA.’

15/04/2002 ‘ROSPA inspections will take place in August. Bus shelter has once again been damaged, the wooden end panel to be replaced with metal, council to paint once complete.’

