

# **Health and Safety Report – P&R Committee May 2022**

## **Accidents and Near Misses**

On 31.03.22 at approximately 10.10am a Watermark customer in the front coffee shop caught her thumb on what she thought was the remains of a staple on the underside of the table. Her thumb had a very small cut. The wound was wiped clean and a plaster given. Following a thorough inspection of the underside of the table staff could not find any evidence of anything sharp.

No further action was taken.

## **Visits and Inspections**

Loler lift inspection – Watermark  
Quarterly lift service – Town Hall  
Six monthly asbestos inspection – Woodlands Cemetery

## **Watermark**

The Watermark Loler lift inspection highlighted an issue with the manual evacuation function and the in car two-way emergency communication system. The lift was immediately taken out of action and reported to the HSE. Repairs have since taken place and the lift service engineers have advised that it can now be used when personnel are present in the building.

## **Other**

Annual review of the Fire Risk Assessments have been reviewed and are attached.

The roundabout in Victoria Park has a clearance issue highlighted by the Allianz engineering inspection. This was confirmed following an independent inspection by RoSPA. The manufacturer has been contacted to enquire how this can be resolved.

The Victoria Park play area gate is not self-closing plus entrapment issues have been highlighted. The Parks team are undertaking repairs.

The MacAndrews Field play equipment was rotting and needed urgent attention to make it safe. It was cordoned off pending a decision on replacement equipment by the Parks Committee. The South Hams localities inspector advised on it being properly fenced off giving a timescale of two weeks. The Parks Committee agreed to remove the health and safety risk altogether, with a consultation on replacement play equipment scheduled to take place later in the year. The Parks team have commenced removal and disposal of the rotting play equipment.

## **Staffing**

The Parks team have received DCC snow warden and highway awareness training, and have also undertaken training in asbestos awareness, ladder safety and needles and sharps awareness.

The Town Council has signed up to the Road Warden Scheme which enables the Parks team to have Chapter 8 training in signing, lighting and guarding.

One of the Parks officers will be attending a two-day chainsaw maintenance and cross cutting at ground level course at the end of May, and the required chainsaw PPE is being purchased.

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