The Glebe and the Under-12's Playground

The District Council's Planning Services inform the Parish Council that the Glebe area is unsuitable for a children's playground.

As part of its ongoing work to find a suitable area for an under-12's playground, the Parish Council submitted a pre-planning application to the District Council for the Glebe area on Church Close. The District Council's Senior Management Office has now replied noting that detailed information would be needed on the height and location of any equipment to ensure minimal impact on amenities of local residences.

More significantly however, with regards to the impact upon Listed Buildings (the Church,) the Conservation Officer states, "the siting of the children's playground in this location would be out of keeping with the existing character of this location and the addition of play equipment would change the existing natural open space and setting of the Listed Building."

The Parish Council recognises that on this basis planning permission would not be granted for this site. Furthermore, it reflects some of the comments received from residents in response to the leaflet distributed to the village. It **will not** therefore consider this site further for a children's playground but intends to see how it could be better utilised as an amenity area for the village.