**CONTINUED CLOSURE OF PLAYGROUND**

**Despite the recent easing of lockdown restrictions providing the potential opportunity to reopen the children’s playground, like many other local authorities Ashbury Parish Council does not have the resources to meet the specified Government guidelines to ensure a sufficient level of user safety and therefore regrettably the playground MUST REMAIN CLOSED.**

To illustrate some of the issues that led to this decision:

**Social Distancing:** Reopening would require the council to limit not only the number of users of the playground as a whole, but also the number using any given piece of equipment if necessary, by imposing a time-limit on such usage.

**Cleaning & Hygiene:** While the risk of cross-contamination from hard surfaces are reduced outdoors, there remains a requirement to sanitize any/all surfaces that are likely ‘high traffic touching points’.

It should be self-evident that the council does not have the resources, whether finance or staff, to implement such requirements to the required standard. However, we will continue to work with the relevant authorities to determine whether a workable solution can be found.

Cliff Davies – 3rd July, 2020

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