

MESSAGE TO PARENTS - ELSING 'JUMPS'

on Community Land, Heath Rd.

At Elsing's Annual Parish Meeting on May 20th, councillors wanted to know whether they should intervene in this activity in any way. We heard from the mothers and their children who attended.

We decided

1. The benefits to children of the jumps themselves, in creativity and teamwork, outweigh the risks. The risks can be lessened by making sure bicycles come with helmets and good brakes.
2. Parents should come to Heath Rd, first to take a look at how the activity is organised, and second – please – to enforce the following rules.
3. Most litter is collected by the children themselves, but not all, so more needs to be done.
4. Three trees have had their bark 'ringed'. This must stop. Branches may not be cut from trees, but fallen branches can be used.
5. 'Dens' which are abandoned will be dismantled and cleared.
6. Tools which we deem dangerous will be removed if found, and can be claimed via the Elsing website - brecklandparish.wixsite.com/elsingpc - where updates to this message may be found.

Please note: We have just had a worrying piece of news. A spade and a rake, which disappeared when a resident's shed was broken into some weeks ago, has been found amongst the other tools used to dig the 'jumps'. A CCTV recorder is now being installed. It is difficult not to conclude that the thief was one of the children who go to the 'jumps'. If so, we hope the parents of the culprit are reading this.

This notice will appear on Elsing's webpage brecklandparish.wixsite.com/elsingpc and may be updated there.

For Elsing Parish Council, May 2024