

Reeds farm

1. Land owned by Persimmons and leased to NWDC for 20 years from 31st March 2009.
2. Management agreement proposed with the Town Council for a play area to be installed and maintained by the Town Council
3. NWDC never produced a management agreement
4. Wiltshire Council took over and a management agreement offered in 2012, not a lease as such. Full report to committee providing all the options and it was agreed just to accept responsibility for the play area.
5. The original lease between the owner and the NWDC contained a break clause which has now expired.
6. The agreement between Wiltshire and the Town Council will end on the 30th March 2029.
7. The agreement requires the Town Council to seek permission from Wiltshire Council before making any improvements etc.

Things to consider:

The hard play surface will be expensive to remove at the end of the agreement if demanded by Wiltshire Council.

The proposed improvement, if agreed by Wiltshire Council will cost over £10,000 and funding would need to come from reserves or CIL

Is there a case for waiting another year to see if the additional top soil has made any significant improvement?