

<b>ENVIRONMENT &amp; LEISURE COMMITTEE</b>	<b>19 NOVEMBER 2020</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM: 6(ii)</b>
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## **RECENT INCIDENT AT RECREATION GROUND**

### **Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with information on an incident that took place on the evenings of 4 & 5 November 2020 at the recreation ground.

### **Detailed Information**

On the evening of 4 November 2020, a comment had been made on Facebook stating that there were vehicles on the recreation ground. Further to this there was a report that a vehicle had accessed the recreation ground and had driven onto the old railway line and crashed into the bridge at the end of this. As a result of this the vehicle burst into flames and the fire brigade were called out.

The Clerk visited the recreation ground on the morning of 6 November to establish how the vehicles had accessed the recreation ground. On investigation one of the lockdown posts at the end of the car parking area at the rec. had been forced out of its holding and the other one looked as if an attempt had also been made to remove this. The cemetery groundsman has made a temporary repair of the post which is now back in its holding and locked in with padlocks, however it will be necessary to consider a more permanent repair and the Deputy Clerk is working with the Groundsman on this matter.

There was some damage from tyres on the area around the lockdown posts and there were also some tyre tracks on the recreation ground close to the gym equipment. However, this is minimal and should repair itself in time.

### **Recommendation**

That Members of the Environment and Leisure Committee receive the above information, noting that officers are taking action in respect of a permanent repair to the two lockdown posts at the end of the parking area at the recreation ground.

