

## **Agenda Item 11**

# **Play Equipment at Victoria Park**

Decisions relating to Victoria Park have in recent years been sent to the Nelson Area Committee for decision with at best scant consultation with the Barrowford & Western Parishes Area Committee and occasionally the parish council or at worst a report circulated for information after the decision has been made. The decision to replace the play area and re-sight it on the opposite side of the river is one of these decisions.

In a Parks & Recreation Services report to Area Committee's on the longevity of playground equipment dated 6<sup>th</sup> August 2009 Victoria Parks play area is listed as currently being upgraded. So at some point prior to this the decision was taken to replace the existing play area with the new facility sited at Carr Road. This means that any funding available for the refurbishment of the old play area has been either used or lost.

The only course of action to prevent future similar decisions is to ask on what basis that Nelson Area Committee should make decisions on a park which is contained predominately within Barrowford and that the Parish Council be consulted on any future decision on either side of the river which has the potential to affect the area of park situated within Barrowford.