Ashcombe District Council

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MEMORANDUM

To: Parks and Open Spaces Committee
From: [redacted], Parks Safety Officer
Date: 12 August 2026
Subject: Playground equipment incident at Millbrook Park

What happened

On the afternoon of 9 August a chain on the large swing at Millbrook Park parted at its top shackle. A child fell about one metre onto the safety surfacing and was checked by paramedics at the scene. The parent, [redacted], reported the fault by phone on [redacted] and by email to [redacted] the same evening.

Witness account

[redacted]

Action taken

The swing bay was closed the next morning. The supplier inspected all four parks with the same model and replaced eleven shackles. [redacted] will report the inspection results in full at the September meeting; questions before then can go to [redacted].

Recommendation

That the committee moves swing inspections from quarterly to monthly, and adds chain wear to the checklist the play inspectors use.