Asset transfers were discussed at some length at the parish council meeting earlier this year. I suspect that we are not alone in identifying the pro's and con's of this being:

Advantages:

- Control over decision-making
- Protection from housing development
- Closer contact for establishing residents' wishes
- Fewer layers in bureaucracy
- Faster response times to issues

Disadvantages

- Increased admin
- New costs for maintenance
- Insurance obligations
- Replacement cost for playground equipment
- Playground inspections
- Need to establish working relationships with contractors

With these issues in mind, councillors have requested that I try to establish

1. whether you have a "management plan" specific to the Rec which strips out costings from other parishes?
2. I have been asked to see whether there is an estimate for future spending that would fall to the new council entity if no transfer takes place?
3. Will the parish council have to organise bin emptying which is currently under the care of TDC?
4. And finally, do you know whether boundaries with neighbouring private residences and the farm to the West side are paid for by TDC or whether responsibility falls to the neighbours?

Thank you for setting out the parish council's thoughts so clearly. The advantages and disadvantages you've listed very much reflect the same points we've been weighing up at TDC. I'll address your questions in turn:

1. **Management Plan / Costings**
   We do not currently have a Rec-specific management plan that separates out costs from other parishes. However, I can share the areas of responsibility involved with maintenance and the indicative costs involved if this is useful.
2. **Future Spending Estimate (No Transfer)**
   If the asset remains with TDC, the council would continue to meet existing maintenance and inspection costs as at present. I will confirm if any significant works are expected in the next budget cycle.
3. **Bin Emptying**
   This question has occurred across parishes and we are awaiting our legal team to draft some wording to share. I will send this to you as soon as we have confirmation.
4. **Boundary Responsibilities**
   Boundaries with private residences are generally the responsibility of the respective property owners and I don't believe TDC pays for this.