



SLAPTON PARISH COUNCIL RISK ASSESSMENT: RECREATION FIELD

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This document sets out possible risks, together with the steps taken to reduce or eliminate the risks, as far as is practically possible.

Risks identified	People at risk	Likelihood Score (1-3)	Impact Score (1-3)	Risk Score Before Control	Management/control of Risk	Likelihood Score (1-3)	Impact Score (1-3)	Risk Score After Control
Slips, trips, falls and cuts	Public and mowing contractor	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monthly inspections of ground to identify/remedy uneven surfaces (e.g. holes dug by animals), litter or glass by mowing contractor.</li> <li>Hazards marked by cones/signs if necessary.</li> <li>Signage explains how public can notify Council of any concerns.</li> </ul>	1	2	2
Cuts, entrapment and other injuries	Public	1	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual inspection of fencing, gate, goal posts, seating, water butt and dog waste bin determines condition and need for maintenance/repairs or replacement, which are conducted in a timely manner.</li> <li>Additional monthly inspection between March and October, when field is most in use, and maintenance/repairs or replacement conducted in a timely manner.</li> <li>Hazard marked by cones/signs if necessary.</li> </ul>	1	2	2
Disease/ill health (dog waste)	Public and mowing contractor	1	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dog bin provided and emptied regularly.</li> <li>Dog waste bags provided.</li> <li>Signage to remind owners to pick up after their dogs.</li> <li>Reminders to pick up dog waste also placed on social media and website if necessary.</li> <li>Field checked and dog waste removed prior to grass cutting.</li> </ul>	1	1	1

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Poisoning, stings or cuts (vegetation)	Public and mowing contractor	1	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-hazardous grass surface in majority of field.</li> <li>Vegetation around edges and in 'wilded' area checked during Spring/Summer. Giant Hogweed removed. Nettles and other vegetation trimmed, when necessary, if encroaching upon grass areas.</li> <li>Signage notifies public not to touch or eat vegetation in wild areas.</li> </ul>	1	1	1
Other injury/accidents	Public and mowing contractor	1	3	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mowing is carried out by contractor (separate risk assessment and own public liability insurance) at less busy times and public advised to avoid areas at time of mowing.</li> </ul>	1	1	1
Liability	Slapton Parish Council	1	3	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three year annual cover in place, which is reviewed annually.</li> <li>Public liability up to £10 million included in cover.</li> </ul>	1	2	2

Priority of risk management				
Likelihood of occurrence	Highly Likely (score 3)	Medium (3 x 1)	High (3 x 2)	Very High (3 x 3)
	Possible (score 2)	Low (2 x 1)	Medium (2 x 2)	High (2 x 3)
	Unlikely (score 1)	Very low (1 x 1)	Low (1 x 2)	Medium (1 x 3)
		Negligible (score 1)	Moderate (score 2)	Severe (score 3)
<b>Impact</b>				