

NETHER WALLOP PARISH COUNCIL RISK ASSESSMENT	Children's Playground	Version: Date:	2 Jul-21	Adopted Date: Minute no.:	12 Jul-21 5711	Review Date:	Jul-22
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The methodology used is a combination of quantitative risk assessment (numerically assessing probability & consequence) **Hazard Severity x Likelihood of Occurrence = RISK.**

Hazard Severity (Impact)			Likelihood of Occurrence (Odds)		
1	Nil	Trivial or insignificant harm to persons, property or business activities	1	Not likely	There is no real likelihood of it occurring.
2	Slight	Causing minor harm allowing work / activities to continue	2	Possible	Possible occurrence, but potential is minimal.
3	Moderate	More Serious, capable of resulting in 3 or more days off work for one or more individuals , or property damage resulting in a temporary interruption to business activities with some financial loss.	3	Quite Possible	Incident will only happen if several factors are present.
4	High	Possible fatality or serious injury to an individual. Longer term interruption to business and/or high financial costs.	4	Likely	Regular incidents occur, but no injury. May result in injury with additional factors introduced.
5	Very High	Multiple fatality and/or destruction to work environment. Long term or permanent business interruption and/or very high financial costs.	5	Very Likely	Almost 100% certainty that an incident will occur or it is a common occurrence.

A risk factor can be found using the equation, ranging from 1 (no severity and unlikely to happen) to 25 (just waiting to happen with potentially disastrous results. However it is important to judge both the severity and the likelihood independently. Having identified the numerical risk factor, the 'risk matrix' will help determine the urgency of the action.

RISK ASSESSMENT MATRIX.

Likelihood (ODDS)	Potential Severity (IMPACT)					1-5	Low Risk	Tolerable	Little or no action required
	1	2	3	4	5				
	2	4	6	8	10	6-9	Medium Risk	Unacceptable	Some action required and monitor during event.
	3	6	9	12	15				
	4	8	12	16	20				
	5	10	15	20	25	10-25	High Risk	Unacceptable	Urgent action required. Stop process. Compensatory measures / new procedures must be put in place within 24hrs. Resolving the issue may take longer, but must be in hand. (People may need to be removed from the risk whilst it is assessed.)

Activity	Hazard / Risk	People at risk	Mitigation of Risk / control measures	Impact	Odds	Score	Action required	Target date and by whom
Playground	Falling from a height	Children	Ensure chippings on ground are a reasonable depth	3	2	9	Regular inspection of chippings (and annual safety report). Review whether other surfaces are safer or easier to maintain.	Inspect weekly BS

		Children	Ensure climbing frame is safe. Is there any rot or damage that could cause a fall. Are there any areas where falling is likely? Are there any areas with inadequate fencing/barriers to prevent falling	4	2	8	Regular inspection (and annual safety report). Based on report in May 2020, keep play area closed after Covid 19 lockdown ends. Decision then needs to be made on what to do in short to medium term.	Keep shut until further notice. Decision to be made on current climbing frame by August 2020.
		Children	Swing seats quite high- smaller children could fall and hurt themselves	2	2	4	Additional rings to lower seat to make safer	Leave until decision is made on future of play area
	Swing	Children	Wooden frame liable to rot. Metal fixings liable to loosen	2	2	4	Regular inspection	Leave until decision is made on future of play area
	Step into area with chippings	Children and adults	Potential trip hazard, particularly for younger children	2	2	4	Regular inspection	Leave until decision is made on future of play area
	Gate	Children and adults	Gate swings shut with a slam. Possibility of catching fingers between gate and frame	2	2	4	New gate. Or add a mechanism to slow the speed of the gate shutting	Leave until decision is made on future of play area
	Fence around play area	Children, adults and dogs	Liable to rot and some posts appear loose. Potentially leaving some nails, screws and splinters protruding	2	2	4	Regular inspection. Maintenance and replacement of parts as and when required	Leave until decision is made on future of play area
	Lack of Signage	Children and adults	Do we require a sign explaining 'rules' to mitigate some of the risks	2	2	4	Discuss whether signage is needed	Leave until decision is

								made on future of play area
External Play equipment	Bench and picnic bench	Children and adults	Regular inspection of both to ensure safety	1	1	1	Regular inspection	Inspect at least monthly
	Rockers	Children	Regular inspection and annual external safety inspection	2	2	4	Regular inspections. Research whether 'grass matting' needs to be added	Inspect regularly. Decide whether grass matting is required by August 2020
	Slide	Children	Regular inspection and annual external safety inspection	2	2	4	Regular inspections. Research whether 'grass matting' needs to be added	Inspect regularly. Decide whether grass matting is required by August 2020
	Swings	Children	Regular inspection and annual external safety inspection Wooden frame liable to rot. Metal fixings liable to loosen	2	2	4	Regular inspection	Inspect regularly.

Chairman's signature Date	<i>Jon Cotterell</i>	Clerk's Signature Date	<i>Gail Foster</i>
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