

NETHER WALLOP PARISH COUNCIL RISK ASSESSMENT	Playing Fields / Recreation Ground	Version:	2	Adopted Date:	12 Jul-21	Review Date:	Jul-22
		Date:	Jul-21	Minute no.:	5711		

The methodology used is a combination of quantitative risk assessment (numerically assessing probability & consequence) **Hazard Severity x Likelihood of Occurrence = RISK.**

AMENDMENTS ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN PINK.

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					6-9	Medium Risk	Unacceptable	Some action required and monitor during event.
	2	4	6	8	10								
	3	6	9	12	15								
	4	8	12	16	20								
	5	10	15	20	25								

Activity	Hazard / Risk	People at risk	Mitigation of Risk / control measures	Impact	Odds	Score	Action required	Target date and by whom	Score after control measures
Using recreation ground	Trees- falling branches in certain weather conditions	All	Check for any signs of disease in larger trees within the recreation grounds on a regular basis.	4	2	8	Do Initial Survey and Inspect regularly	NWPC Tree Officer August 2020 <i>(I don't believe it has been done)</i>	2 x 2 = 4

								since, even after the February storm)	
Dog walking	Unruly/untrained dogs, knocking people over, biting or attacking people or other pets.	All, including other pets	Introduce more signage indicating that dogs can run free, but owners should ensure they have control over them or keep them on a lead.	3	2	6	New signs (SEE BELOW) Consider PSPO (agenda item 21)	August 2020 (NOT COMPLETED)	2 x 2 = 4
Dog Walking	Dog excrement	All	Introduce more signs indicating that there is a dog waste bin and discouraging leaving the excrement	4	2	8	Inspect signage regularly.	Playing fields inspector, WEEKLY.	4 x 1 = 4
Tree Climbing	Falling from a height	All	Introduce signs discouraging tree climbing and that doing so is at the risk of the individual	3	2	6	New Signs (SEE BELOW)	August 2020 (SEE BELOW)	2 x 2 = 4
Using Zipwire	Falling from platform or seat.	All	Check equipment is always safe for use.	3	2	6	Inspect equipment regularly.	Playing fields inspector, WEEKLY.	2 x 2 = 4
Exercising on Adult Equipment	Injury due to mis-use	Adults	Check piece of equipment has instructions for use displayed.	5 (financial costs due to being sued or fined by Health and Safety Exec.)	2	10	Inspect equipment regularly.	Playing fields inspector, WEEKLY.	5 x 1 = 5
Exercising on Adult Equipment	Injury due to mis-use	Children	Check signage shows that children should not use the equipment.	5 (financial costs due to being sued or fined by Health and Safety Exec.)	2	10	Install height gauge. (SEE BELOW) Inspect signage regularly.	Clerk ASAP Playing fields inspector, WEEKLY.	5 x 1 = 5
Exercising on Adult Equipment	Injury due to equipment damage / failure	All	Check equipment has no damage and is safe for use.	5 (financial costs due to being sued or fined by Health and Safety Exec.)	2	10	Inspect equipment regularly.	Playing fields inspector, WEEKLY.	5 x 1 = 5

Exercising on Adult Equipment	Injury to dogs getting under equipment whilst in use.	Dogs	Provide a post and lead holder so that dogs can be tethered away from equipment while owners use it.	3 (possible financial loss for damages.)	2	6	Put up sign to alert dog owners to lead holding facility.	Clerk, ASAP	3 x 1 = 3
Weather Shelter	Injury from sharp edges or fingers getting trapped.	All	Have wooden edges sanded and gaps filled over.	2	3	6	Inspect equipment regularly.	Playing fields inspector, WEEKLY.	2 x 1 = 2
Playing on playground apparatus	Injury	Children	See Children's Playground Risk Assessment.	4	3	12	Inspect equipment regularly and comply with RA.	Playing fields inspector, WEEKLY.	4 x 1 = 4

THE CLERK RECOMMENDS THAT A CONTRACTOR RATHER THAN A VOLUNTEER IS ENGAGED TO PERFORM WEEKLY CHECKS AT THE PLAYGROUND ON A PAID BASIS. PAYMENT SHOULD BE MADE AGAINST COPIES OF WEEKLY INSPECTION REPORTS TO ENSURE THEY ARE RECEIVED TO PROTECT THE COUNCIL FROM ACCUSATIONS OF NEGLIGENCE. (Agenda item 18)

FINES FROM THE [HEALTH AND SAFETY EXEC](#) : For offences committed on and after the 12th March 2015 the maximum penalty in the magistrates' court is an unlimited fine² or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or both. In the Crown Court, the maximum penalty is an unlimited fine or imprisonment not exceeding two years or both.

Suggested purchases for signs etc are on the below links. **Councillors to advise if they should be purchased.**

ITEM	Suggested Installation location	link	COST
Dog lead holder	Near exercise equipment, but at least 1.5m from moving parts.	DOG PARKING HOOK FENCE POST	£ 19.08 £ 26.59 + Fitting
Sign for controlling dogs / or keeping dogs on leads	Entrance to field from carpark. (x2) Entrance to field from BerryCourt direction.	I can't find an appropriate off the shelf sign. Councillors to agree wording for a bespoke sign. Perhaps: "Well behaved dogs welcome if under control. Please keep untrained dogs on a lead".	TBC
Pick up after your dog		PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG	£ 12.99 each
Exercise equipment height gauge	On existing post by exercise equipment.	Have asked Fresh Air Fitness to design and quote.	
Sign for keeping pets away from exercise equipment.	On dog lead holder.		