

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

PLAYING FIELD AND PHYSICAL ASSETS - RISK ASSESSMENT

Activity	Potential Hazards	Risks posed	Control Measures	Risk Level	Additional measures
Contractors vehicles, including lawn mowers, mechanised diggers etc	Accidents from moving vehicles	Injury to operatives or members of the public	The Parish Council employs reliable and competent contractors	L	Contractors will be responsible for their own risk assessment to protect their employees and members of the public
Weed killing	Chemical burns/breathing problems	Injury to members of the public, contractors and employees	The Parish Council ensures that this function is carried out professionally by competent contractors	L	Parish Council to delegate this to appointed grass cutting contractors
Village Benches	Wooden seats are subject to weather deterioration and damage by visitors	Injury to members of the public, contractors and employees	Seats are regularly inspected, and any remedial action undertaken to ensure the seats are maintained in a sound condition	L	
Waste Bins / Dog Waste Bins / Fouling /Hazardous Waste	Waste bins are subject to weather deterioration and damage by visitors	Injury to members of the public, contractors and employees	Waste bins are regularly inspected, and any remedial action undertaken to ensure the bins are maintained in a sound condition. Sharps to be reported to CDC and the Police.	L	
Trees	Visitors may be injured by falling branches	Injury to members of the public, contractors and employees	We carry out annual inspections to ensure trees are maintained in a safe manner in all of the Parish open spaces	L	Any maintenance would be carried out by a qualified contractor responsible for their own risk assessment. If on private land, the owner would be advised of the hazard.

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Boundary Fences Damage	Wooden fences are subject to weather deterioration and damage by visitors.	Injury to members of the public, contractors and employees	Fences are regularly inspected, and any remedial action undertaken to ensure the fences are maintained in a sound condition	L	
Signs	The metal structure is subject to deterioration from the weather	Injury to members of the public	Regular inspection for signs of damage and any remedial action undertaken to ensure that the sign is maintained in a good condition	L	
Children's play area ground surface	Visitors may be injured by moss and or leaves or damage to the surface	Injury to members of the public, contractors and employees	Regular inspections of the Children's Play Area are carried out by Members of the Council according to ROSPA guidelines and any damage is reported to the Clerk for action. Insurance in place.	L	Annual check is carried out by ROSPA qualified Inspector and reported to the Council for action.
Children's play area equipment	Visitors may be injured by damaged / worn play equipment	Injury to members of the public, contractors and employees	Regular inspections of the Children's Play Area are carried out by Members of the Council according to ROSPA guidelines and any damage is reported to the Clerk for action. Insurance in place.	L	Annual check is carried out by ROSPA qualified Inspector and reported to the Council for action.
Children's play area equipment COVID-19	Visitors may be exposed to infection when using play equipment	Spread of infection to members of the public, contractors and employees	All handles re-painted and disinfected. Risks reduced when outdoors and subject to UV light and rain. ****		Notices posted warning users that the equipment is not cleaned daily. See attached.

**** The Parish Council acknowledges that it is infeasible to carry out daily cleaning, provide a booking system or comply with all other Government recommendations to ensure that the Play Area equipment is completely safe but seeks to limit risk to users by taking action as indicated.