

Risk Assessment Open Spaces

Hazard	People at Risk	Controls	Risk Level
Paths – slips/trips	Public/Employees	Visual inspections by Council members, encouraged to report slip/trip hazards to clerk. Prompt response to observed hazards. Damage repaired as soon as practical, or immediately if a serious H & S hazard. Main footpaths gritted in icy conditions. Leaves swept.	Low
Grass areas - potholes	Public/Employees	Grass areas inspected when grass is cut and holes back filled. Any reports from PC members or members of public responded to quickly.	Low
Trees – falling branches, tree falling.	Damage to people or property.	Regular inspection by arboriculturist-record kept. Annual programme of maintenance. Councillors to keep eyes open and report any signs of damage. Public encouraged to report damaged trees.	Low
Fixed furniture Benches, dog and litter bins	Injury to public	Benches are bolted to the ground. Visual checks by councillors. Any reported damage repaired promptly. Litter and dog bins firmly fixed and inspected. All bins emptied regularly.	Low
Posts/markers/	Possible risk of falling	Ensure all objects are firmly fixed. (Specific	Low

low fences/ headstones etc.	object injuring public/ employeess. Trip hazards.	procedures for headstones). Quarterly check by PC member.	
Walls/fences	Injury to public/ Employees due to poor maintenance	Public know how to report defects. Quarterly inspection by PC member. Rapid response when repairs need doing.	Low
Gates	Injury to public/ employees. Especially hand/finger injury if catches faulty.	Gates checked quarterly by PC member, specifically at catches/latches/padlocks. Councillors carry out visual checks. Public know how to report faults. Rapid response to repairs.	Low
Darkness	Trips/falls.	Ensure lighting on all well used paths/areas is in working order and visible. Ensure public know how to report lights not in working order. Rapid response to reported faults. PC members to check car park at PC meetings after dark.	Low
Dog Fouling	Public/employ	Councillors to be aware. Ensure public know how to report incidents. Rapid response to clearing up dog mess on paths, and other well-frequented places. Educate public through articles in local magazine and clear signs in the areas concerned.	Low
Drug Use	Injury to public/ employees from	Employees and contractors advised of safe working procedures to deal with sharps. Provided with	Low

sharps.

appropriate safety equipment if required.
Prompt response to reports of sharps by public.
Police informed. Cllr. Prowse has a sharps bin if disposal
Is required.

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Date for Review.....March 2016.....

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