Risk Assessment

Activity: Barn Close Play Area (general)		Assessment date: 01/05/25 (JL – Clerk)		Review date: 01/05/26	
HAZARD AND RISK	PEOPLE AT RISK	OUR CONTROLS	FUTURE WORK	RISK LEVEL	TARGET DATE/BY WHOM
Play Equipment - various	Public	* Regular inspection by Village Caretaker (weekly) * Repairs carried out by competent person * Hazardous equipment removed	* Phone number for public to report defects **(signs updated – Jan25)** * Works outlined in the RoSPA report addressed	LOW	Ongoing
Defective surfaces – Paths, safety surfaces, open grass – slips, trips, falls	Employees and public	* Regular inspections for defects (holes, glass, etc.) * Rapid response to defect repairs * Warning signs erected in response to damaged equipment	* Works outlined in the RoSPA report addressed	LOW	**Clerk to apply for grants to refurbish asap**
Bins – cuts/insects	Employees and public	* Bin emptied regularly * Regular inspection for defects (Village Caretaker – weekly)	* Works outlined in the RoSPA report to be addressed	LOW	**Removal agreed at June AMC meeting – Caretakers looking into to leave with no hazards**
Gates – injury due to poor maintenance	Employees and public	* Closures inspected regularly and findings recorded * Rapid response to repairs	* Works outlined in the RoSPA report to be addressed	MEDIUM	**Gate needs fixing**
Fencing - defects	Employees and public	* Inspected regularly and condition recorded as well as action taken. * Rapid response to	* Cleaning schedule to be considered	LOW	Ongoing

		repairs			
Seating – injury due to poor maintenance	Employees and public	* Inspected regularly and condition recorded as well as action taken. * Rapid response to repairs. * Maintenance to be carried out	* Works outlined in the RoSPA report addressed	LOW	Village walk by councillors to look at bench repairs needed (bench maintenance budget and EMR established) **Bench underwent maintenance in 2024**
Dog Fouling – infection, ill health	Employees and public	* Main bin provided * Grass walked and fouling removed prior to grass cutting	* No dog sign to be erected	LOW	**Signs to be purchased asap**
Vegetation – cuts, poor maintenance	Employees and public	* Inspected regularly * Phone number for users to report issues	* Maintenance schedule (HDC) * Amenity Caretakers to carry out ad hoc needs (temporary barrier in place to cordon off land to be cleared of ivy).	MEDIUM	Works to be carried out asap.
Trees – poor maintenance	Employees, public and nearby residents	* Tree maintenance plan in place * Phone number for users to report issues * Regular inspections	* Phone number for public to report defects	LOW	**Trees removed in 2023 – new planting plan put in place but outside the play area.**