

FOREST HILL WITH SHOTOVER PARISH COUNCIL RISK ASSESSMENT POLICY

HAZARD

1. Trips/falls in play area, recreation ground and cemetery
2. Entrapment when using play equipment
3. Risk of diseases from dog excrement
4. Effects of chemicals when applying weed killer
5. Risk of fire when using/storing flammable liquids such as diesel/petrol
6. Accidents with vehicles - ride on mower and tractor/gang mower/trimmer
7. Injury from unsafe/insecure headstones in cemetery
8. Danger or injury resulting from fly tipping

WHO MIGHT BE HARMED

Hazards 1, 2, and 3 above - children using play equipment and persons visiting cemetery

Hazard 4 – councillors/contractors whilst applying the weed killer

Hazard 5 and 6 – the grounds man operating the mowers

Hazard 7 – persons visiting the cemetery

Hazard 8 – General public

IS MORE NEEDED TO CONTROL THE RISK

Hazard 1 - Trips/falls in play area, recreation ground and cemetery

- a) Ensure play area free from rubbish and obstacles by regularly checking area and removing rubbish and any obstacles.
- b) Minimise injury from falls by ensuring that there are sufficient bark chippings around the play equipment.
- c) Regularly check play equipment to ensure that it is in full working order and has not been vandalised or showing signs of wear and tear.
- d) Any potholes in paths or uneven ground to be reported to Clerk and repaired.

Hazard 2 - Entrapment when using play equipment

- a) Ensure equipment checked regularly and in proper working order
- b) Report any problems to the Clerk
- c) Advertise that young children are to be supervised by an adult when using the equipment.

Hazard 3 - Risk of diseases from dog excrement

- a) Notice displayed saying that no dogs allowed in the play area.

Hazard 4 - Effects of chemicals when applying weed killer

- a) Ensure that masks and goggles are provided for use when weed killer is being applied.
- b) Ensure chemicals are prepared and applied in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Hazard 5 - Risk of fire when using/storing flammable liquids such as diesel/petrol

- a) Ensure the operators have been instructed on the use of the tractor and gang mower.
- b) Ensure that fueling is carried out safely.
- c) Ensure that petrol is stored in approved containers and kept in a secure area away from inflammable items.

Hazard 6 - Accidents with vehicles - ride on mower and tractor/gang mower / strimmer

- a) Only authorised operators to use vehicles and machinery.
- b) Ensure that all vehicles and machinery is regularly maintained and in correct working order.

Hazard 7 - Injury from unsafe/insecure headstones in Cemetery

- a) Any loose or unsafe headstones to be reported to the Clerk and owner identified and asked to make secure.
- b) Area around unsafe headstones to be taped off immediately to prevent public access.

Hazard 8 - Danger or injury resulting from fly tipping

- a) All fly tipping to be reported to South Oxfordshire District Council
- b) If the contents are considered high risk details to be given when reported to the Clerk and appropriate action taken to minimise risk.
- c) Regular checks to be carried out to identify fly tipping

This Risk Assessment Policy was reviewed and agreed by resolution of the Parish Council at the meeting held on Thursday 12 May 2022, min.2022/6iv.

Signed.....

Andrew Waite Brown, Chairman

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