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Property	Lympstone Burial Ground	Location	Lympstone	Ref No.	
Council	Lympstone Parish	Chairman	Cllr Nick Linfoot	Date	06/03/2022
Activity	Visitor Site Risk Assessment				

Description:

This is a risk assessment of the visitor routes at the burial ground split in to high, medium and low-level use.

The use of the field takes account of different levels of use and types of activity, reflecting the numbers of people that use the area and the time that they spend in that area. The risk assessment follows the guiding principles of the 'managing visitor safety in the countryside; principles & practice' guidance produced by the Visitor Safety in the Countryside Group and is relevant for visitors to site and contractors. Any specific activities carried out on the site are covered through other risk assessments. Lympstone Burial Ground is the current ground used for deceased members of the public to be buried or ashes laid. There are three large burial areas and one area for ashes. There is a paved path that runs through and around the ground. It is surrounded by a high dense hedge. The ground is easily accessible through one vehicular sized gate from the village hall private car park.

Severity of the hazard:

How serious are the consequences likely to be? Extreme (fatality) / Serious (major injury or serious ill health) / Moderate (minor injury)

Likelihood of the event:

How likely is it that the event will occur? Remote / Possible / Likely

Adequacy of controls:

Are existing precautions adequate? Good (most precautions in place) / Fair (some deficiencies) / Weak (serious deficiencies)

Entrance and footpath – low risk				
Nature of hazard	Groups at risk	Current precautions	Estimation of risk	Potential additional precautions
Vehicle to vehicle contact Vehicles entering and exiting the car park coming into contact with pedestrians.	Visitors and contractors	A well-maintained car park leads to the main entrance of the ground. Clear allocated parking bays are marked. Vegetation is cut back as part of regular cutting schedule to ensure visibility remains clear along the length of the path and around the car park.	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : possible Adequacy of controls : good	Supervision of vehicles involved in funeral procession. VHMC monitors the car park and informs LPC of any necessary repairs to car park.



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Entrance and footpath – low risk				
Nature of hazard	Groups at risk	Current precautions	Estimation of risk	Potential additional precautions
Metal gates (entrance)	Visitors and contractors	Handyman to monitor — currently in working order	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : remote Adequacy of controls : good	One of the gates has dropped which prevent effective closure. A contractor is currently being employed to repair.
Trip/slips due to uneven/loose path surfaces.	Visitors and contractors	Handyman to regularly check the path surface and if necessary, temporary signage will be erected and a path diversion to an alternative route considered. All path surfaces and vegetation will be inspected in quarterly check and rectified as required.	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : remote Adequacy of controls : good	A temporary repair to uneven path surface has been undertaken due to tree roots. Roots and cherry tree have been removed. Quotes are currently being sought to replace the entire path to a more even and hardwearing surface.

Graves – low risk				
Nature of hazard	Groups at risk	Current precautions	Estimation of risk	Potential additional precautions
Loose/leaning memorial head stones	Visitors and contractors	Handyman to inform LPC of any loose and leaning headstones.	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : remote Adequacy of controls : good	Amenity estate lead Cllr or Clerk to contact the next of kin, grave digger and reinstate asap. An independent BRAMM inspector to check and assess the headstones.
Sinking graves	Visitors and contractors	Handyman to inform LPC of any sinking graves and replace the soil as and when necessary.	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : remote Adequacy of controls : good	After initial burial, contact the grave digger to rectify.



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