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Property	Avenue Field	Location	Lympstone	Ref No.	
Council	Lympstone Parish	Chairman	Cllr Nick Linfoot	Date	04/03/2024
Activity	Visitor Site Risk Assessment				

Description:

This is a risk assessment of the visitor routes at Avenue Field 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. Avenue Field is kept as a natural open space. It is used daily by dog walkers and people using the footpaths to, from and around the field, the field hosts beautiful views across the estuary in the distance and surrounded by a dense hedge and trees. The field is easily accessible by vehicle, but the gate is permanently locked unless permission is granted. The field has two pedestrian gates to access the field. Avenue field is owned by the National Trust but managed by the Parish Council.

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)



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Entrance footpath – low risk				
Nature of hazard	Groups at risk	Current precautions	Estimation of risk	Potential additional precautions
Vehicle to vehicle contact	Visitors and contractors	The entrance to Avenue field is kept clear and free of vegetation. 'No parking' signs are installed at the entrance to the road leading to the field. The vehicular access gate is locked unless permission is sought. The field does not have any vehicular movement during wet weather.	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : possible Adequacy of controls : good	The field has heavy duty mesh/rubber matting and gravel placed on the inside of the vehicular access gate to ensure the ground is protected and non-slippery in wet weather.
Vehicles entering and exiting the highway coming into contact with pedestrians.	Visitors and contractors	A well-maintained path runs alongside the access road to Avenue field ensuring visitors and vehicles can remain separate. Vegetation is cut back as part of regular cutting schedule to ensure visibility remains clear along the length of the path.	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : remote Adequacy of controls : good	
Trip/slips due to uneven surfaces.	Visitors and contractors	Paths are inspected in quarterly check and repaired as required.	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : remote Adequacy of controls : good	
Pedestrian gates	Visitors and contractors	Pedestrian gates are inspected as and when necessary. They are new and do not currently pose any dangers to users.	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : remote Adequacy of controls : good	Rubber matting and gravel prevents any slipping on the entrance to the field. New pedestrian gate installed Feb 23.



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Footpath around Avenue field – low (when dry)/moderate (when wet) risk				
Nature of hazard	Groups at risk	Current precautions	Estimation of risk	Potential additional precautions
Trip/slips due to uneven path surfaces.	Visitors and contractors	The path surface around the field is a grassy track but due to large numbers of visitors this is now bare earth in several places. The path surface can get muddy and as a result slippery in times of persistently wet weather. During such periods of wet weather, the path surface will be checked and if necessary, temporary signage will be erected and a path diversion to an alternative route considered.	Severity of hazard : Moderate Likelihood of event : Possible Adequacy of controls : Good	
Dog faeces	All users	All path surfaces and vegetation will be inspected in quarterly check and repaired as required. Notices on all entrances to remind dog walkers to pick up after their dog.	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : possible Adequacy of controls : good	Waste bin and dog poo bin available at entrance from the Highway.

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