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Property	Lympstone Cemetery	**Location**	Lympstone	**Ref No.**	
Council	Lympstone Parish	**Chairman**	Cllr Lis Staddon	**Date**	03/03/2025
Activity	Visitor Site Risk Assessment				

Description:

This is a risk assessment of the visitor routes at the cemetery 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 Cemetery is the current ground used for deceased members of the public to be buried or ashes interred. 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 owns and has responsibility for upkeep, repairs and maintenance of the car park. VHMC will notify LPC where any

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Nature of hazard	**Groups at risk**	**Current precautions**	**Estimation of risk**	**Potential additional precautions**
				work concerning the car park is to be undertaken.
Metal gates (entrance)	Visitors and contractors	New gates installed (June 23). Good working order	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : remote Adequacy of controls : good	
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 undertaken due to tree roots. Roots and cherry tree have been removed. Two main paths have been widened, and replaced with brushed concrete to improve access and safety (June 24)

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. Local stone mason, independent BRAMM inspector currently checking and assessing the safety of the headstones (Feb 24).
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 or PC maintenance contractor to rectify.

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