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

Description:

This is a risk assessment of the visitor routes at Front Meadow split into 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. Front Meadow is part kept as a natural open space/meadow and tidy vista immediately in front of the Church. It is used daily by dog walkers and people using the footpaths to, from and around the open space. the field hosts beautiful views to and from the Church in the centre of the village. There is a car park within it for Church users and an attenuation pond maintained by Charles Court management company. It is part surrounding by a wall from the Highway. The meadow and car park is easily accessible by vehicle, but the entrance bollards are locked unless permission is granted. The meadow has 3 pedestrian entrances - one pedestrian gate, one chicane gateway and one open footpath access the field.
NB LPC has taken ownership and responsibility of the meadow and car park Feb 2025. The entire meadow area, pathways, car park and access road to the car park is the responsibility of LPC. The attenuation pond and linked drainage is the responsibility of the housing management company.

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 the Meadow is off a private road and is kept clear and free of vegetation. Signage? The vehicular access bollards are locked unless permission is sought. The meadow does not have any vehicular movement during wet weather. The access road to the car park can still be used.	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : possible Adequacy of controls : good	The car parking area has grasscrete to ensure all year round use - the ground is protected and non-slippery in wet weather. March 2025 – car park currently closed due to wet conditions and a slippery surface.
Vehicles entering and exiting the highway coming into contact with pedestrians.	Visitors and contractors	A well-maintained footpath runs alongside the access road to the houses and car park 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. Pedestrian gates	Visitors and contractors Visitors and contractors	Paths are inspected in quarterly check and repaired as required. 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 Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : remote Adequacy of controls : good	

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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 brushed concrete so can be safely used all year round. All path surfaces and vegetation will be inspected in quarterly check and repaired as required.	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : remote Adequacy of controls : good	
Seat Benches	Visitors and contractors	There are six new reformed plastic benches around the Meadow. (4 in 2022, 2 in 2023) Quarterly checks, LPC to repair and replace as necessary.	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : remote Adequacy of controls : good	
Trees	Visitors and contractors	Tree warden to quarterly visually check and inform LPC on condition of trees.	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : possible Adequacy of controls : good	
Attenuation Pond	Visitors and contractors	The pond has steep edges (approx. 2m depth) to prevent access and can be easily seen from the ground level.	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : possible Adequacy of controls : good	Charles Court management company to maintain.
Wotton Brook	Visitors and contractors	Along the bottom of the Meadow runs Wotton Brook. A post and rail fence keeps users away and inside the Meadow area.	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : remote Adequacy of controls : good	
Dogs on leads Dog faeces	All users	Signs have not been agreed yet: Notices on all entrances to remind dog walkers to keep dogs on leads and pick up after their dog.	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : possible Adequacy of controls : good	EDDC dog warden to patrol if asked NB EDDC have only one officer covering the entire East Devon area.

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