

MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE PARISH COUNCIL

PLAYING FIELD POLICY DOCUMENT AND RISK ASSESSMENT OCTOBER 2018

Foreword

Middleton St. George Parish Council is responsible for the playing field in Station Road, Middleton St. George.

This policy applies only to the playing field in Station Road, Middleton St. George.

The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 recommends that owners and managers of premises should undertake a risk assessment of their facilities – this includes the children's playground.

This document defines and makes clear the duties and responsibilities of Middleton St. George Parish Council as the responsible body for the Playing Field. This also includes a risk assessment setting out the key hazards and the Council's risk mitigation process.

Middleton St George Parish Council Playing Field Management Policy Document – Risk Assessment

The purpose of the document is to:

- assess the risks relating to the playing field at Station Road, Middleton St. George
- provide a formal way for the Parish Council to identify and be notified of potentially dangerous equipment within the play area.
- ensure the Council has sufficient information to make decisions on play equipment condition
- ensure that play equipment damage can be detected in a reasonable time
- ensure that potentially dangerous equipment is properly dealt with and appropriate action taken

Control measures are then applied to the significant risks where the remaining residual risks are re-scored to ensure all risks are suitably managed and controlled.

Hazardous Event	Consequence	Affected	Management controls	Residual risk and further measures
Slipping on paths, grass and other surfaces	People are injured as a result	Public	Weekly inspection of the paths and playing field by the Clerk. Inspection of the playing field is carried out by the home team using the playing field before each game to see if it is suitable for play or not.	Tolerable No Further Action needed
Litter, glass etc.	People are injured as a result	Public	Weekly inspection on the area by the Clerk Litter picking carried out	Tolerable No Further Action needed

Hazardous Event	Consequence	Affected	Management controls	Residual risk and further measures
			Litter picking carried out once each week by the Litter Picker. Litter Picking carried out as soon as a report is made to the Clerk.	
Dog faeces causing infection / toxicariasis	People who come into contact with the faeces	Public	Signage prohibiting dog walking on site except on a lead. Safe clearing procedures involving use of personal protective clothing and equipment Safe disposal of collected waste	Tolerable No Further Action needed
Defective ground surfaces eg. potholes causing trips and injury	People who are injured	Public	Weekly inspection of area by the Clerk. Defects reported to the Clerk Screening off of defective areas. Prompt remedial action.	Tolerable No Further Action needed
Collapsing goal posts	People who are injured	Public	Weekly inspection of stability of the goal posts by the Clerk as part of the inspection of the area. Annual RoSPA inspection.	Tolerable No Further Action needed
Poisonous / thorny plants Skin irritation, scratches etc.	People who come into contact with the plants	Public	Weekly inspection of areas for unsuitable plants and weeds by the Clerk. Grounds maintenance procedures including safe disposal where necessary	Tolerable No Further Action needed
Inclement weather conditions	People who are injured	Public	Restricted / prohibited access to the playing field during periods of inclement weather eg snow / ice / Strong winds etc	Tolerable No Further Action needed

This document is based upon guidance from RoSPA.

The person responsible for play equipment inspections is as nominated by the Parish Council as the Clerk.

This document was written by the Clerk, Alan Macnab

This document was approved by Middleton St. George Parish Council at its meeting on 22nd October, 2018.