West Monkton Parish Council

Hyde Park Sports Ground – Pump Track

Risk Assessment

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Table 1	**Definitions of Likelihood**
Descriptor	**Description**
5- Almost certain	Likely to reoccur on many occasions/a persistent issue
4 - Likely	Will probably re-occur, but not a persistent issue
3 - Possible	May occur occasionally
2 - Unlikely	Do not expect it to happen again but it is possible
1 – Rare	Cannot predict it will ever happen again

Likelihood		Impact: Insignificant 1	Minor 2	Moderate 3	Major 4	Catastrophic 5
Almost Certain (>1 in 10)	5	Medium 5	High 10	Extreme 15	Catastrophic 20	Catastrophic 25
Likely (1 in 20)	4	Low 4	Medium 8	High 12	Extreme 16	Catastrophic 20
Occasional (1 in 200)	3	Low 3	Medium 6	High 9	High 12	Extreme 15
Unlikely (1 in 2000)	2	Very Low 2	Low 4	Medium 6	Medium 8	High 10
Rare (<1 in 10000)	1	Very Low 1	Very Low 2	Low 3	Low 4	Medium 5

Table 2	**Definitions for Impact**
5 - Catastrophic	Unexpected death, suicide, homicide, abduction, road traffic accident resulting in death, fire/explosion in which building becomes unusable etc
4 - Major	Possible permanent injury/ill health/damage/loss of function/serious breach of security, serious damage to property, medical device failure, serious assaults, attempted suicide etc
3 - Moderate	Possible semi-permanent injury/ill health/damage/loss of function/breaches of security, violence and aggression/high degree of self-harm, para-suicide etc
2 - Minor	Non-permanent injury, buildings left unsecured, self-harm, manual handling, slip/trip/fall with no severe damage
1 - None	No obvious injury or adverse outcome

Risk	Impact	Measures to mitigate risk	Score (Likelihood x Impact)
Falls	People using the track could suffer a range of injuries, including head injuries.	• Track designed and constructed for purpose. • Weekly inspections by a competent person to take place and monthly operational checks to be completed by a qualified person to ensure no defects. Check sheet / record completed. • Contact details of the PC included on site signage to report any issues. • Any identified repairs scheduled and completed in a timely fashion. • Annual independent safety inspection of the pump track.	Likelihood – 3 Impact – 2 Score = 6
Collisions	Personal injuries from collisions using the pump track.	• No specific measures in place, noting that collisions will be an obvious hazard for a pump track. • Track designed and constructed for purpose. • With a waiting / watching area purposely included next to the start of the track. • Signage encouraging safe and courteous use of the site.	Likelihood – 4 Impact – 2 Score = 8
Worn / cracked surface	Slips, trips and falls on the pump track or the pathways around / leading to the pump track.	• Paths and pump track designed and constructed for public use. • Weekly inspection of the pathways and tracks by a competent person (check sheet provided and completed). • Monthly operational inspection by a qualified person. • Additional checks to be carried out if reports about the path surface or pump track surface are received. • Contact details of the PC included on site signage. • Annual independent safety inspection of the pump track and surrounding area. • In the event of a defect on the surface being identified track will be closed using heras fencing.	Likelihood – 3 Impact – 2 Score = 6
Changes in surfacing	Slips, trips and falls on nearby path when people are coming to and from the pump track could suffer injuries including minor cuts and grazes, sprained ankles and broken bones.	• Paths designed and constructed for public use. • Weekly inspection of the pathways and tracks. • Monthly operational inspection by a qualified person. • Annual independent safety inspection of the pump track. • Additional checks to be carried out if reports about the path surface are received. • Contact details of the PC included on site signage.	Likelihood – 2 Impact – 2 Score = 4

Risk	Impact	Measures to mitigate risk	Score (Likelihood x Impact)
		• Any identified repairs to be carried out promptly by competent and experienced person.	
Ice and snow	On paths and pump track – greater risk of injury in icy and snowy conditions,	• PC to complete additional checks of track and surrounding area in the event of ice and snow. • Grit to be applied. • PC to close pump track in treacherous conditions • PC to publicise closure asap on PC website and social media.	Likelihood – 1 Impact – 2 Score = 2
Dogs	People at risk of injuries from loose or out of control dogs. Dog mess on the track or surrounding area – risk of illness from exposure to dog mess.	• Signage in place indicating that no dogs are permitted. • Self-close gate mechanism so that dogs don't wonder in from adjacent dog walking area. • Signage in place in adjacent dog walking area confirming that dogs must be kept on leads. • Regula checks to be carried out of the pump track area for any dog mess.	Likelihood – 3 Impact – 2 Score = 6
Anti-social behaviour at the pump track.	Pump track area may be used as a meeting place for young people and loud music / underage drinking / drug taking / shouting may take place.	• CCTV installed. • Signage installed confirming that access is not permitted when it is dark. • Signage encouraging safe and courteous use of the site.	Likelihood – 2 Impact – 3 Score = 6
Unsafe / unpermitted access	Access by crossing the A38 and gaining access through the hedge (particularly when the access gate is locked) or over the locked gate.	• Gaps in hedge reviewed, no gaps for access currently present. Hedge to be reviewed again in Autumn. • Publicity to confirm opening hours of the track and access arrangements. • CCTV installed to monitor use when pump track is closed. • Regularly review use to see if further measures are required.	Likelihood – 2 Impact – 2 Score = 4
Accidental Site Damage	Risk of minor damage to the track from accidental collisions, spillages and dropping things.	• Track designed and constructed for purpose. • Weekly inspection of the pathways and tracks by a competent person (check sheet provided and completed). • Monthly operational inspection by a qualified person. • Additional checks to be carried out if reports about the path surface or pump track surface are received. • Contact details of the PC included on site signage. • Any identified repairs to be carried out promptly by competent and experienced person.	Likelihood – 2 Impact – 2 Score = 4

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		• In the event of a defect on the surface being identified track will be closed using heras fencing.	
Wilful site damage	Risk of minor and major damage from wilful (and criminal activity)	• CCTV in place. • Damage to be reported to the police. • Track designed and constructed for purpose. • Weekly inspection of the pathways and tracks by a competent person (check sheet provided and completed). • Monthly operational inspection by a qualified person. • Additional checks to be carried out if reports about the path surface or pump track surface are received. • Contact details of the PC included on site signage. • Any identified repairs to be carried out promptly by competent and experienced person. • In the event of a defect on the surface being identified track will be closed using heras fencing.	Likelihood – 2 Impact – 2 Score = 4
Litter and Broken Glass	Poor reputation and bad publicity if the pump track and the surrounding area isn't kept clean and tidy. Risk of illness from exposure to rubbish and injury from exposure to broken glass.	• Daily checks when opening / closing pump track. • Litter picking when required. • No glass signage installed. • No dogs signage installed. • Bin provided. • Additional checks to be carried out if reports about litter or glass on the surface are received. • Contact details of the PC included on site signage.	Likelihood – 2 Impact – 2 Score = 4