

POLICY AND PROCEDURE: Parish Estate – Safety Inspections

PURPOSE: To ensure public spaces for which the Melbourn Parish Council (hereafter the Council) has responsibility, are routinely inspected and maintained such that users are offered safe access

SCOPE: All public spaces in the Melbourn Parish Estate for which the Council has direct accountability. Aspects of the public environment that are the responsibility of other agencies, for example public highways or school grounds, are not covered by the scope of this policy.

Note: Appendix 1 lists those areas deemed in need of regular safety inspection, together with Risk Assessments defining the required frequency of inspection for each. Not all areas have similar risks, and inspection frequency varies accordingly.

1. POLICY:

- 1.1 It is the policy of the Council that all areas listed in Appendix 1 of this document are regularly inspected for hazards. A hazard checklist is to be found in Appendix 2 for use during inspections.
- 1.2 Because different areas present different levels of risk, not all areas will be inspected at the same frequency.
- 1.3 In order to decide the inspection frequency a formal Risk Assessment will be carried out for each affected area as listed in Appendix 1.
- 1.4 Risk levels will be divided into 'High', 'Medium' and 'Low'. High Risk areas will be inspected weekly. Medium Risk areas will be inspected every two weeks. Low Risk areas will be inspected monthly. More frequent inspections can be carried out, depending on circumstances, for example an unusual spillage or a village public event.
- 1.5 Risk Score Bands: 0 – 11 Monthly; 12 – 19 Two Weekly; 20 + Weekly
- 1.6 It is the responsibility of the Clerk to the Council to administer the safety checking system through the Village Wardens.
- 1.7 It is the responsibility of the Village Wardens to ensure that proper inspection checks are carried out on all listed areas, according to the frequencies laid out in this document.
- 1.8 Where agreed, nominated Councillors may carry out area checks, provided such checks are properly and formally recorded.

2. PROCEDURE:

- 2.1 Village Wardens will agree each week those areas that will be inspected and by whom.
- 2.2 Inspections will be shared to make the work sensibly balanced. The timing of inspections can be varied during the working week to make the visiting of remote areas time-efficient.
- 2.3 Inspections will be recorded on the Inspection Record Sheet; this is included as Appendix 3 to this document.
- 2.4 Each inspection will be signed and dated. Any issues or actions required must be noted.
- 2.5 It is the objective to leave each area in a safe condition after inspection. Should this not be possible, due to some significant problem, the matter should be notified to the Clerk so that steps can be quickly taken to correct the deficiencies.
- 2.6 Completed monthly inspection sheets must be returned to the Clerk for retention

Document Approval:



(Chair to Melbourn Parish Council)

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APPENDIX 1

Area	Risk Factors (Score 1 low – 5 high)						Total Score	Risk Level High/Medium/Low
	Young Children Use	Youth Attention and Use	Traffic Hazards	Sports Use	Level of Footfall	Elderly Persons Use		
Moor Play Park	5	5	0	1	5	5	21	High
All Saints Churchyard	0	5	0	0	3	5	13	Medium
Orchard Road Cemetery	1	2	0	0	5	5	13	High (due to bin emptying needs)
Old Recreation Ground	2	4	0	5	4	3	18	Medium
New recreation Ground	2	3	0	5	5	3	18	Medium
Village Car Park	5	5	5	0	5	5	25	High
War Memorial	4	5	2	0	5	5	21	High
Littlehands and Access Way	5	5	4	2	5	3	24	High
Melbourn Hub and Gardens	5	5	0	0	5	5	20	High
Stockbridge Meadows	3	5	0	0	3	4	15	Medium

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Area	Risk Factors (Score 1 low – 5 high)						Total Score	Risk Level High/Medium/Low
	Young Children Use	Youth Attention and Use	Traffic Hazards	Sports Use	Level of Footfall	Elderly Persons Use		
Fire Engine Shed	0	2	3	0	1	1	7	Low
Jubilee Orchard	3	3	0	1	3	3	12	Medium
Clear Cres.Play Park	5	5	0	1	5	5	21	High
Armingford Cres.	2	2	2	2	1	1	10	Low
Worcester Way	3	3	1	2	2	1	12	Medium
Beechwood Avenue	2	3	0	2	3	1	11	Low
Chalkhill Barrow	2	2	2	1	2	1	10	Low
Elm Way	2	2	2	1	2	1	10	Low
Millenium Copse	2	5	0	0	3	1	11	Low
BMX Site	4	5	0	5	3	0	17	Medium
Allotments	1	4	0	0	4	4	13	Medium
New Road Cemtry	1	3	0	2	3	5	14	Medium

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APPENDIX 3

Area	Monthly Checking Record				Checking Frequency
	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week4	
Moor Play Park					Weekly Checks
Village Car Park					
War Memorial					
Littlehands and Access Way					
Melbourn Hub and Gardens					
Clear Cres.Play Park					
Orchard Road Cemetery					
Jubilee Orchard					Two – Weekly Checks
Old Recreation Ground					
New Rec. Ground					
Stockbridge M.					
Worcester Way					
BMX Site (Summer & only if open)					

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	Week1	Week2	Week 3	Week4	
Allotments					Two – Weekly Checks
All Saints' C/Yard					
New Road Cemtry					
Fire Engine Shed					Monthly Checks
Armingford Cres.					
Beechwood Avenue					
Chalkhill Barrow					
Elm Way					
Millenium Copse					