



## Parish Council Play Area Risk Assessment

<b>Date: 09.07.2024</b>	<b>Assessed by: Assistant Clerk</b>	<b>Checked/Validated by: The Clerk</b>	<b>Location: The Kintons, Yalding and The Jubilee Field, Laddingford</b>	<b>Review date: Annual Parish Council Meeting annually</b>
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Activity	Hazard	Who might be harmed and how	Existing measures to control risk	Risk rating	Result
General Use of the play area	Various	Anyone using the area.	Yalding Parish Council hold £10M of public liability Insurance.	N/A	A
General Use of the play area continued	Various	Children playing	There is signage informing parents they must ensure the children can safely use the play equipment and that children must be supervised at all times.	N/A	A
General Use of the play area continued	Accident record	Anyone using the area.	Both play areas have an excellent accident record. The only accidents reported in the last 5 years have been the gate at The Kintons which has been replaced. Should an accident be reported it will be thoroughly investigated and preventative measures built into this risk assessment. Accidents will be logged to look for any repeat patters.	N/A	A
General Use of the play area continued	Various	Anyone using the area.	Both play areas are visually inspected weekly by The Assistant Clerk or a responsible person and any issues are report to The Clerk. Both play areas have a quarterly independent maintenance inspection. Both play areas have an independent annual safety inspection by RoSPA Playsafety. The Clerk actions any items raised.	Low	A

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General Use of the play area continued	Dog Foul	Anyone using the area.	Both play areas are fenced off with a self-closing gate that cannot be pushed open from the outside. "No Dogs" signs are erected at the play area at The Kintons  Dogs are not permitted onto Jubilee Field – "No Dogs" signs are erected.	Low	A
General Use of the play area continued	Dangerous Dogs	Anyone using the area.	Both play areas are fenced off with a self-closing gate that cannot be pushed open from the outside. "No Dogs" signs are erected at the play area at The Kintons.  Dogs are not permitted onto Jubilee Field – "No Dogs" signs are erected.	Low	A
General Use of the play area continued	Litter/broken glass	Anyone using the area.	The areas are regularly monitored by The Assistant Clerk or responsible person and any issues reported immediately to The Parish Clerk.  Residents are also asked to report any issues to the Clerk.  The Clerk actions any items raised.  A litter bin is in place at both play areas.	Medium	A

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General Use of the play area continued	Vandalism	Anyone using the area.	The areas are regularly monitored by The Assistant Clerk or responsible person and any issues reported immediately to The Clerk.  Repairs are undertaken as soon as possible after they are reported.	Medium	A
General Use of the play area continued	Being struck by vehicles.	Anyone using the area.	Both play areas are entirely fenced off.	Low	A
General Use of the play area continued	Slip, trips, and falls	Children playing	The areas are regularly monitored by The Assistant Clerk or a responsible person and any issues reported immediately to The Clerk.  The Clerk actions any items raised.  The safety surface/matting is monitored and the grass is mown regularly.  The majority of the safety surface/matting has been replaced at both play areas.	High	A

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General Use of the play area continued	<b>COVID-19 Specific</b> COVID-19 is a new illness that can affect your lungs and airways and is caused by a virus called Coronavirus. The symptoms can be mild, moderate, severe, or fatal	Anyone using the area.	None at this time.	Medium  This will be reviewed regularly as government and specialist advice is reviewed.  If necessary the play area will be closed.  Any local Covid-19 break out may result in the play area being closed with immediate effect.	A
The play equipment	Risk of injury by falling	Children playing	There is appropriate safety surface/matting/grass under all items of play equipment. The safety matting is monitored and the grass is mown regularly.	Low	A

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The play equipment continued	Other injury	Children playing	<p>There are regular inspections for damage or faults to the equipment by the assistant Clerk or responsible person and any issues reported to The Clerk.</p> <p>Repairs are undertaken as soon as possible after being reported.</p> <p>There is independent annual inspection by RoSPA Playsafety.</p> <p>Both play areas have a quarterly independent maintenance inspection.</p> <p>The Clerk actions any items raised.</p>	Low	A
The play equipment continued	Other injury	Children playing	All new play equipment conforms to current regulations.	Low	A
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Seats & bins	Injury from damaged seats/bins	Anyone using the area.	<p>Seats and bins form part of the regular inspection routine.</p> <p>The Clerk actions any items raised.</p>	Low	A

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Pathways & access	Trip/slip on uneven ground	Anyone using the area.	Pathways and access form part of the regular inspection routine.  The Clerk actions any items raised.	Low	A
Gates and Fences	Being struck by entry gates.  Entrapments	Children playing	The gates have been designs as best as possible not to spring back when opened.  Closures form part of the regular inspection routine.  The fences are designed that they do not cause entrapment. They are regularly inspected for damage  The Clerk actions any items raised.	High	A
Vegetation	Poisoning/Cuts	Anyone using the area.	There is no hazardous vegetation in either of our play areas.	Low	A

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