# Ockbrook and Borrowash Parish Council

## Playground and Field Risk Assessment

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| Assessor Name: S Kitchener Clerk and RFO | Location: Ockbrook and Borrowash, Derbyshire | Date: 07/2024 |
| Activities being assessed: Playing field and Playground on Deans Drive and gym equipment on Bare Lane playground | Next Review date: 07/2025 |  |

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| **Activity** | **Potential Hazards** | **Risks posed** | **Control Measures** | **Risk level:**  **High (H)**  **Medium (M)**  **Low (L)** | **Additional Measures** |
| Driving – Lawn mowers, mechanised diggers, contractors and staff vehicles | Accidents from moving vehicles | Injury to operatives or members of public | Only authorised vehicles allowed on the field | L | Contractors will be responsible for their own risk assessment to protect their employees and members of public |
| Operating equipment i.e. grass and hedge cutting and mechanised diggers | Fire or operating accidents | Injury from burns/cuts/foreign bodies in eyes/cuts and scratches | The Parish Council employs reliable competent contactors | L | Contractors will be responsible for their own risk assessments to protect their employees and members of the public. |
| Weed killing | Chemical burns/ breathing problems | Injury to members of the public, contractors and employees | The Parish Council ensures this function is carried out by competent contractors | L | Parish Council to delegate this to appointed grass cutting contractors |
| Seat/benches/ picnic table | Seats and picnic benches are subject to weather deterioration and damage by visitors | Injury to members of the public, contractors and employees | Seats and picnic tables are inspected weekly by the Clerk. If there any requiring remedial action the Clerk will organise. | L | Any new seats and picnic tables will be made of recycled plastic material |
| Trip or injury on paths | Visitors may be injured if they trip over objects | Injury to members of the public, contractors and employees | Weekly playground inspections are conducted by the Clerk | L |  |
| Boundary Fences | The metal fences are subject to weather deterioration and damage by visitors | Injury to members of the public, contractors and employees | Fences are inspected weekly by the Clerk. If there any requiring remedial action the Clerk will organise. | L |  |
| Falling tree branches | Visitors may be injured by falling branches | Injury to members of the public, contractors and employees | Regular inspections of the trees are carried out by an approved arboreal specialist | L | Visual checks will be done each visit by committee members, the Clerk and the grounds maintenance team |
| Children’s play area ground surface | Visitors may be injured by moss/leaves or damage to the surface | Injury to members of the public, contractors and employees | Weekly inspections are carried out by the Clerk and quarterly/yearly inspections are carried out by a qualified ROSPA safety inspector | L |  |
| Children’s play area equipment | Visitors may be injured by damaged/ worn play equipment | Injury to members of the public, contractors and employees | Weekly inspections are carried out by the Clerk and quarterly/yearly inspections are carried out by a qualified ROSPA safety inspector | L |  |
| Outdoor Gym Equipment | Visitors may be injured by damaged/ worn outdoor gym equipment | Injury to members of the public, contractors and employees | Weekly inspections are carried out by the Clerk and quarterly/yearly inspections are carried out by a qualified ROSPA safety inspector | L |  |