



Hesketh with Beconsall Parish Council

Policy Document

Play & Recreation Ground Inspection Policy

The Council has a Duty to ensure, as far as is reasonably practicable and possible, the Health and Safety of persons using the Shore Road Recreation Ground & Car-Park; the Centenary Sports Ground Car-Parks & Access Road and the three Play Areas located at Shore Road, Glen Park Drive and Station Road.

The Council's "General Risk Assessment Policy" and Insurers requires, amongst other matters, that Visual Inspections of the above assets are carried out weekly throughout the year by a Member(s) of the Council and that a Professional Engineering Inspection of Play Equipment is carried out quarterly.

Members Inspections should include but are not limited to:-

- *The visual checking of all areas for potential health & safety issues to users.*
- *The visual checking (non-technical) of the soundness of all play equipment, fencing and gates.*
- *Within Car-Parks the correct and proper parking of vehicles within the marked bays.*
- *Prohibited uses by members of the public including the use of Golf Balls, the presence of Horses or dogs not being kept on a lead.*
- *Dogs being admitted to fenced Play Areas.*
- *Evidence of drug use.*

Inspecting Members are not required or expected to challenge members of the public.

It is recognised by the Council, and advertised on notices, that the Play & Recreation Areas are not secure and that it is the responsibility of those in charge of children to ensure their safety at all times.

POLICY ACTION:-

1. **Matters presenting an immediate danger must be reported by Members to the Executive Clerk, or in his absence to the Chairman of the Council, at the earliest opportunity who will take the appropriate action**
2. **Members Reports, in the prescribed format, are presented to Council under a specific Agenda Item at each full meeting of the Council and Minuted.**
3. **Professional Inspection reports are presented to Council Quarterly and Minuted.**

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