



OPEN SPACES INSPECTIONS POLICY

Weedon Bec Parish Council aims to ensure that our play spaces are safe and pleasant for all users, that any risks are low and that inspections and maintenance is effected minimise major disruption. Playground insurance is included as part of our overall insurance schedule and is reviewed annually. The Council is responsible for managing and maintaining play areas and open spaces at

- Croft Way playing field (including play equipment)
- Jubilee Field (including play equipment)
- Cavalry Play area (including play equipment)
- Lancers Way open space x 2
- Equestrian Way open space
- Regency Close open space x 2
- Weedon Bec Pocket Park

Dog waste bins and litter bins are provided on some of these areas.

Responsibilities

The Council is responsible for

- ensuring appropriate play space inspections and maintenance budget is allocated
- ensuring that appropriate and timely remedial action is undertaken and that spending is approved taking account of the budget, risks and maintenance impact.

Playing field inspections

Monthly

Councillors or volunteers to carry out routine monthly recorded inspections of all play areas. The inspection should cover the playing field/area, as a whole including hedges, fences, seats, gates and litter/dog bins.

The report should be provided to the Parish Council at the appropriate meeting, following the inspection.

Information to be recorded on relevant minute

Quarterly

Professional inspection by a qualified independent inspector of all play areas. Information to be recorded on relevant minute. Inspection report also to be recorded.

Annually

Professional inspection by a qualified independent inspector of all play areas. Information to be recorded on relevant minute. Inspection report also to be recorded.

Pocket Park

To carry out routine monthly recorded inspection of the pocket park off Puddlebank. Including the circular footpath, pond, trees, river, steps etc. Report to be undertaken by a member of the OSPR Group and provided to the Parish Council as the appropriate meeting, following inspection.

Contractors

All contractors who undertake work in any Parish Council owned space do so under their own public liability insurance of which is viewed annually. Contractors are qualified, competent and carry sufficient insurance to undertake the work.