

# Risk assessment re The Pond, The Green, Priory Road.

**Activity / location /area :**Village Pond, The Green Palgrave

**Assessment date:** 10/7/2024

**Review date:** 23 June 2025

| Hazard and risk                                                                                                                      | People at risk                        | Our current controls                | Our future controls                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Risk level | Target date & by whom                                                                                                                                                              | Sign-off                                                                                                                                      |
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| <b>Mud/Silt Build-Up</b><br><br><b>Risk:</b> Drowning due to being stuck                                                             | General public, particularly children | Regular inspection of pond          | Assess and manage solid build-up. Dredging was carried out about 10+ years ago to reduce silt levels. Deal with blockages from the ditch leading from the pond to Lows Lane which will then reduce the pond level by about 25cm. | High       | Ditch work completed April 2025 to alleviate any blockages. Review area for land settling in Autumn 2025 & carry out levelling if necessary.<br><b>Responsible:</b> Parish Council | <b>Action:</b> Review land near ditch October 2025 for any subsidence.<br><b>Signed off by:</b> Caroline Emeny, Clerk May 2025                |
| <b>Overgrowth of Surrounding Area</b><br><br><b>Risk:</b> Fall into pond, difficulty in being seen and drowning                      | General public, particularly children | Occasional trimming and maintenance | Implement regular cutting schedule, especially on the Denmark Hill side. Ensure edges are clearly visible.<br><br>Area cut Summer'24. To be assessed again in June '25                                                           | Medium     | Assess April '25.<br><br><b>Responsible:</b> Parish Council                                                                                                                        | <b>Action:</b> Handover responsibility for implementing and maintaining the cutting schedule to the Parish Council.<br><b>Signed off by :</b> |
| <b>Lack of Lifesaving Equipment</b><br><br><b>Risk:</b> Drowning                                                                     | General public                        | New signage installed               | 2 luminous safety signs installed Dec 2024:<br>(1) Keep Out Ponds can be Dangerous and (2) Danger Deep water Unstable Bank at front & rear of pond. Determined that life saving equipment not required.                          | High       | 2 lots of Beware signage installed front & rear of pond Dec 2024.<br><b>Responsible:</b> Parish Council                                                                            | <b>Action:</b> Clear signage installed Dec 2024.<br><b>Signed off by:</b> Caroline Emeny, Clerk Dec 2024                                      |
| <b>Lack of Clear Signage</b><br><br><b>Risk:</b> Unmarked danger leading to drowning                                                 | General public                        | New signage installed               | Investigate and install clear signage indicating the presence of the pond.<br><br>See above completed Dec 2024                                                                                                                   | High       | Installed Dec 2024<br><b>Responsible:</b> Parish Council                                                                                                                           | <b>Action:</b> Clear signage installed Dec 2024.<br><b>Signed off by:</b> Caroline Emeny, Clerk Dec 2024                                      |
| <b>Poor Visibility of Signage at Night</b><br><br><b>Risk:</b> Lack of awareness leading to accidents/falling into the pond/drowning | General public                        | Luminous signage installed          | Investigate the feasibility of installing low-level lighting to illuminate signs. Luminous signage installed so clearly visible at night.                                                                                        | Medium     | Luminous signage installed Dec 2024.<br><b>Responsible:</b> Parish Council                                                                                                         | <b>Action:</b> Clear signage installed Dec 2024.<br><b>Signed off by:</b> Caroline Emeny, Clerk Dec 2024                                      |

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