

TICKTON AND ROUTH PARISH COUNCIL

RISK ASSESSMENT

The Health and Safety at Work Regulations places a responsibility on owners and managers of premises to undertake a risk assessment of the facilities. The purpose of risk assessment is to undertake a systematic review of the potential for harm and evaluate the likelihood of harm occurring. Once this has been done it is necessary to decide whether the existing control measures are adequate or whether more needs to be done.

The new audit regulations also require the Parish Clerk being the Responsible Financial Officer to undertake risk assessments in respect of their financial accounting.

Risk Identified	Likelihood of Occurrence	Severity of Risk to the Council	Existing Controls of Hazard	Additional Measures	Further actioned required Yes/No	Review
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Pandemic

Coronavirus*	High	High	Risk Assessments in operation following government guidelines for meetings, outdoor playgrounds, staff and Councillors	Update Risk Assessment and work practices as required on change of legislation.	No	Ongoing.
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Financial Management

Control of Financial Management	Low	High	Adoption of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations	- The Financial Regulations were updated using the 2019 Model document. - Annual review and update of Financial Regulations and Standing Orders – available from ERNLLCA. - Seek guidance from ERNLLCA - Clerk undertaken ERNLLCA Councillors Finance Training Course - Clerk to continue professional development as required*	No	Annually
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			• Monthly bank reconciliation's • Presentation to Council of regular statements of receipts and payments and balances held • Appointment of Internal Auditor • Annual internal and external audit • All cheques to be signed by at least two members of the Council • All payments to presented at the Bank in a timely manner • Schedule of accounts for payment authorised by a meeting of the Council and recorded in Minutes • All spending authorised within powers available to the Council • Ensure Clerk has appropriate training if required • No petty cash held/no cash transactions • Clerk does not sign cheques			Monthly
Precept	Low	High	• Continue to present budget to Parish Council meetings • Continue to ensure that all expenditure is within legal powers	• Clerk to continue professional development as required*	Yes*	Monthly
'Ultra Vires' Expenditure	Medium	Low	• Professional advice available from ERNLCCA and SLCC • Training Available • Clerk to gain ILCA qualification • Reference Books available to Clerk	• Clerk to continue professional development as required*	Yes*	Ongoing
Section 137 funding	Low	High	• Community Fund Policy • Monitoring of Community Fund/Grant Allocations • Monthly reports on spending to date and balance outstanding	• Annual review of Policy • Monthly report	No	Annually Monthly
Charges-rents receivable	Low	Low	• The Parish Council collects Allotment rents in April each year. • Rent income reviewed annually. • Allotment holders to sign agreements	• Review annually	No	Annually
Insurance provision	Low	High	• Public liability insurance policy in place • Employee Fidelity insurance policy in place • Employer liability insurance in place	• Council to consider level of insurance cover once per year	No	Annually
Risk to third party as consequence of providing a service	Low	High	• Public Liability Insurance	• Council to consider level of insurance cover once per year Council to review	No	Annually

Claim against organisation for negligence	Med	High	- Regular maintenance of assets - Appropriate signage - Records kept of maintenance - Insurance - References obtained - Weekly inspection of play equipment - Handymen undertaken training in inspection	Council to review annually.	No	Annual
HMRC	Med	High	- Council registered - Returns made to Customs & Excise - ERVAS undertake payroll and pension requirements			As specified by HMRC

Employment of Staff

Attacks on Personnel	Low	Low	- Employer's Liability Insurance - Lone Working Policy - HSE Lone Working Guidance	Council to review Lone Worker Policy annually	No	Annually
Failure to comply with employment law	Low	Low	- Awareness of legislation - Updates and information distributed by ERNLCCA and SLCC - Arrange training if appropriate - Reports to Council on significant changes - Personnel Committee - Policies; Equality & Diversity, Disciplinary & Grievance	Council to review policies annually	No	Annually
Health and Safety Failure	Med	Medium	- Risk assessment undertaken for maintenance jobs - Health & Safety Risk Assessment - Safety Equipment issued to handyman - The following information shared with staff; - Guidance for disposing of discarded syringes/needles - Health & Safety Policy - Home Working & Risk Assessment - Lone Working Policy - HSE Leaflets; <i>Health & Safety, Lone Working, Working at Heights, Safe use of Ladders and Stepladders, Manual Handling at Work and Preventing Slips and Trips at Work Guidance</i>	Council to review Policy annually	No	Annually
Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Groups	Low	Low	Safeguarding Policy	Council to review Policy annually	No	Annually
Loss of services of employee	Low	Low	Immediately advertise any vacancy (if permanent loss) and request help from ERNLLCA, ERVAS to cover temporary loss.	Existing procedures adequate	No	Annually

Code of Conduct

Failure to update registers	Medium	Medium	• Ensure Councillors aware of duties • Code of Conduct adopted • Copies of Code to Councillors • Training available • Annual review of interests by Councillors	• Council to review annually	No	Annually
Members interests	Low	Medium	• Declarations of interest by members at Council meetings • Register of members interests forms reviewed regularly	• Existing procedures adequate • Members take responsibility to update register	No	Annually

Council Property and Documents

Meeting locations	Low	Low	• The Parish Council meeting is held in a venue considered to have appropriate facilities for the Clerk, members and the general public • Adequate Health & Safety provision in place	• Existing procedures adequate	No	Ongoing
Parish owned/maintained land	Low	Low	• The handyman regularly inspects areas removing and clearing debris that may cause a hazard and reports anything that may require additional attention to the Clerk • The handyman inspects, maintains and repairs assets sited on parish owned/maintained land • Maintenance records held • Insurance	• Existing procedures adequate	No	Ongoing
The protection of assets owned by the Council	Low	High	• Up-to-date asset register • Regular maintenance checks • Insurance Policy	• Annual review of Asset Register and level of insurance policy • Budget provision for maintenance costs	No	Annually
Play equipment and tennis courts - unsafe/vandalised	High	High	• Regular inspections by handyman • Insurance against damage/claims • Training for handyman • Annual Safety Inspection • CCTV near Recreation Ground Children's Play Area		No	Weekly/ Quarterly
Notice Boards, planters, bus shelters*, litter bins, salt bins and public benches	Low	Low	• All notice boards, planters, bus shelters, litter bins, salt bins, public benches owned by the Parish Council are regularly inspected and maintained. All repairs and relevant expenditure for any repair is actioned and authorised in accordance with the correct procedures of the Parish Council.	• Council to review assets annually	No	Annually

			Assets are insured*.			
Defibrillators	Low	Low	- The Tickton Defibrillator Group and the Parish Council have entered an Agreement. - The Parish Council insure this equipment and is documented on the asset register. - Maintenance and running costs as per Agreement.	Council to review annually	No	Annually
War Memorial	Low	Low	The war memorial owned by the Parish Council are regularly inspected and maintained. All repairs and relevant expenditure for any repair is actioned and authorised in accordance with the correct procedures of the Parish Council.	Council to review annually	No	Annually
IT Equipment (Laptop, printer, projector)	Low	Low	- Insurance - Asset Register - Password and security protected	Existing procedures adequate	No	Annually
Maintenance contracts fail to meet delivery specifications	Medium	High	- Contracts and Specifications in writing sent by clerk - Regular inspections - Investigate Complaints	Clerk to monitor work provided by Contractors	No	Ongoing
Website/Emails	Low	Low	- Updated regularly - Disclaimer included on emails - Website Accessibility Statement	Existing procedures adequate	No	Ongoing
Legal Liability	Low	Low	Clerk clarifies legal position on any new proposal. Legal advice to be sought where necessary.	Existing procedure adequate	No	Ongoing
Minutes, Agenda, Notices & Statutory Documents	Low	Low	- Minutes and agenda are produced in the prescribed manner by the Clerk and adhere to the legal requirements. - Minutes are approved and signed at the next Council meeting and/or following government guidelines* - Agenda displayed according to legal requirements. - Business conducted at Council meetings should be managed by the Chair as per Code of Conduct	Existing procedures adequate	No	Ongoing
Council records – paper	Low	Medium	The Parish Council records are stored at the home of the Clerk. Historical records include financial files only. The documents are stored in a lockable filing cabinet and a cupboard in the study.	Damage (apart from fire) and theft is unlikely and so provision is adequate	No	Ongoing

Council records – electronic	Low	Low	The Parish Council electronic records are stored on the Council laptop held with the Clerk at his home. Back-ups of electronic data is made at regular intervals.	Damage (apart from fire) and theft is unlikely and so provision is adequate.	No	Ongoing
Data protection (GDPR)	Low	Low	- The Parish Council is registered with the Data Protection Agency. - Implement policy and procedures in line with GDPR Legislation 2018	- Ensure annual renewal of registration - Ensure compliance to GDPR Legislation; action Policy, Privacy Notices & associated documentation. Undertake Data Mapping/Audit, and Privacy Impact Statements for new projects*	No	Annually
Freedom of Information	Low	Low	- The Council has a Model Publication scheme in place. - The Parish Council is aware that if a substantial request came in it could create a number of additional hours work.	Monitor any requests made under FOI	No	As required.

Approved at the meeting held on 20 May 2024 Minute Ref. 015/24 3.

Next review: May 2025