Chairman – Councillor David Wheeler

### **RISK ASSESSMENT POLICY**

This Risk Assessment Policy was adopted by the council

At its meeting held on: Monday 13th February 2023 Under Minute Reference: 13 (c)

#### **KEY**

LOW RISK
MEDIUM RISK
HIGH RISK

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#### **RISK REGISTER**

REF	RISK DESCRIPTION	RISK LIKELIHOOD (L)	RISK IMPACT (1)	GROSS RISK (LxI)	RISK OWNER	MITIGATION	KEY CONTROLS	RESIDUAL RISK (L×I)	RISK INDICATORS					
ADN	DMINISTRATION RISKS													
A1	Backing up of data	2	2	4	Clerk	<ul> <li>Cloud System</li> <li>Backed up daily</li> <li>Memory stick of archived files</li> <li>With Chairman</li> </ul>	Back Ups	4 (2 x 2)	Computer Failure					
A2	Emails	2	2	4	Clerk	<ul> <li>Personal Emails being phased out.</li> <li>New Councillor Specific Emails Introduced in October 2021</li> </ul>	Back Ups	4 (2 x 2)	System Failure					
A3	Data Corruption	3	4	12	Clerk	Ensure that anti-virus, anti- spyware and a firewall software with automatic updates, together with a high level of security is used.	<ul><li>Back Ups</li><li>Regular Scans</li><li>Annual Subscription</li><li>To Bullguard</li></ul>	8 (2 x 4)	System Failure or     Corrupted Material					
A4	Failure to comply with Laws, in particular Health & Safety, Equal Opportunities, GDPR, FOI, Human Rights, Disability and Employment Law	3	5	15	Clerk	Awareness and training.	<ul><li>Policies/Procedures</li><li>CAPALC/NALC</li><li>Guidance</li></ul>	8 (2 x 4)	<ul><li>Failure notifications received</li><li>Third Party makes Council aware of issue</li></ul>					
A5	Failure to comply with Software Licence Agreements	3	4	12	Clerk	Key considerations in any IT matters     Consultation with Tamar IT	Compliance with agreements controlled by Clerk	8 (2 x 4)	<ul> <li>Failure notifications received</li> <li>Third Party makes Council aware of issue</li> </ul>					
A6	Failure of IT Systems, Networks or Suppliers	3	5	15	Clerk	Equipment Warranty     Technical Assistance Available	Financial Regulations	8 (2 x 4)	System Failure or     Error messages					
A7	Qualified Audit Returned	3	4	12	Clerk	Considered by Council     Action decided upon	Financial Regulations     Standing Orders	8 (2 x 4)	Queries from External Auditor					

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FINA	FINANCIAL RISKS											
F1	Major Fraud or Corruption	3	4	12	• Clerk • Full Council	<ul> <li>Invoice approval process for Members via OneDrive</li> <li>Changes to banking details of suppliers are checked.</li> <li>Payment processing is checked by 2 Members</li> <li>Access to online banking restricted to Parish Clerk, and Authorised Signatories</li> <li>Payments are subject to scrutiny by Full Council</li> <li>Monthly banking reconciliation submitted for checking by Full Council</li> <li>Forecast vs actual reports submitted for analysis by Full Council</li> <li>Fidelity insurance in place</li> </ul>	Councillor Checks     Standing Orders     Financial Regulations     Internal/External audit regime	8 (2 x 4)	Financial errors identified     Inability to meet financial obligations     Police/legal action implemented			
F2	Financial errors leading to unexpected losses or inability to achieve approved projects	3	5	15	• Clerk • Full Council	<ul> <li>Training provided to Parish Clerk</li> <li>Changes to banking details of suppliers are checked</li> <li>Payment processing is checked by 2 Members</li> <li>Cheques are signed by 2 authorised signatories</li> <li>VAT reclaimed annually</li> <li>Access to online banking restricted to Parish Clerk and Authorised Signatories</li> <li>Sector specific accountancy software used</li> </ul>	Councillor Checks     Financial Regulations     Internal/External audit regime	8 (2 x 4)	Financial errors identified     Inability to meet financial obligations			

						<ul> <li>Payments are subject to scrutiny by Full Council</li> <li>Monthly banking reconciliation submitted for checking by Full Council</li> <li>Forecast vs actual reports submitted for analysis by Full Council</li> </ul>			
F3	Lack of clarity to Financial Information provided to Councillors	3	4	12	Clerk	<ul> <li>Sector specific accountancy software used</li> <li>Open questioning of financial data supplied</li> <li>Monthly income and</li> </ul>	Scrutiny by Full Council	9 (3 x 3)	Queries from Councillors
						<ul> <li>expenditure transaction list</li> <li>provided to Council</li> <li>Monthly bank reconciliation</li> <li>received by Council</li> </ul>			

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FIRE	RISKS								
FR1	Fire at a clerk's home	2	5	10	Clerk	<ul> <li>Electronic copy of minutes on website and cloud storage</li> <li>Password to Scribe Accounts held with Chairman</li> <li>Weekly backups onto cloud storage</li> <li>Documents of significance kept in a fireproof filing cabinet or safe</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Automatic Back Ups</li> <li>In the event of notify:         <ol> <li>Insurance Company</li> </ol> </li> <li>Barclays Bank</li> <li>Fenland District Council</li> </ul>	10 (2 x 5)	Council unable to function
FR2	Fire damage to Parish Council records and equipment	2	5	10	Clerk	<ul> <li>Adequate Insurance in place</li> <li>Electronic copy of minutes on website and cloud storage</li> <li>Password to Scribe Accounts held with Chairman</li> <li>Weekly backups onto cloud storage</li> <li>Documents of significance kept in a fireproof filing cabinet or safe</li> </ul>	Automatic Back Ups     In the event of notify:     I. Insurance Company     II. Barclays Bank     III. Fenland District Council	10 (2 x 5)	Council unable to function
FR3	Fire damage and/or the death of the Clerk	2	5	10	Full Council	Electronic copy of minutes on website and cloud storage     Password to Scribe Accounts held with Chairman     Weekly backups onto cloud storage     Documents of significance kept in a fireproof filing cabinet or safe	<ul> <li>HR Working Group</li> <li>Chairman to convene an emergency meeting of the Council</li> <li>Temporary Clerk appointed</li> <li>In the event of notify: <ol> <li>Insurance Company</li> <li>Barclays Bank</li> </ol> </li> <li>Fenland District Council</li> </ul>	10 (2 x 5)	Council unable to function

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PAR	TNERSHIP RISKS								
P1	Delay by local authority or other statutory body in carrying out work pursuant to its legal obligations	3	5	15	• Clerk • Full Council	<ul> <li>Consultations with different tiers of local government</li> <li>Partnership approach</li> <li>Communication with</li> <li>Cambridgeshire CC and Fenland DC members</li> <li>Liaison meetings</li> </ul>	Regular reports to Council	8 (2 x 4)	<ul> <li>Complaints from stakeholders</li> <li>Complaint from Members of Public</li> </ul>
P2	Economic climate of other authorities' reduction in their services	3	4	12	• Clerk • Full Council	Budget	Full Council	12 (3 x 4)	Complaints from Members of Public
P3	Police Liaison - Priorities	3	3	9	• Clerk • Full Council	<ul> <li>Police opinions on matters affecting Wisbech St Mary</li> <li>Parish</li> <li>Police report to Full Council</li> <li>Regular contact with the police</li> </ul>	Regular reports to Council following Police Forum	9 (3 x 3)	Increase in criminal activity Increase in complaints

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STAF	STAFF RISKS											
S1	Staff Employment	2	2	4	Clerk	<ul> <li>Contracts of Employment</li> <li>Pension Scheme Entitlement</li> <li>Appraisal System in place</li> <li>SLCC membership</li> <li>Employers' liability Insurance</li> </ul>	HR Working Group	2 (1 x 2)	Recruitment and retention of staff			
S2	Staff Holidays/Sickness	2	4	8	Clerk	Adequate cover of staff	HR Working Group	8 (2 x 4)	<ul> <li>Office Closures</li> <li>Queries/Complaints from Members of the Public</li> </ul>			
S3	Failure to provide training/career development (Staff and Councillors)	2	4	8	Clerk	Clerk & Councillor training budget agreed annually at Precept setting meeting in December & January	<ul><li>Appraisal Process</li><li>Code of Conduct</li><li>Standing Orders</li></ul>	6 (2 x 3)	<ul> <li>Appraisal Process</li> <li>Clerk Feedback</li> <li>Complaint from Members of the Public</li> <li>Councillor acts ultra vires</li> </ul>			
S4	Excessive levels of stress or other work-related illnesses	2	4	8	• Clerk • Chair- man	<ul> <li>Clerk to have frequent sessions with the Chairman</li> <li>Full use of leave allocation</li> <li>Flexibility in working practices as far as practical</li> <li>SLCC Support</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Appraisal Process</li> <li>Seek advice from HR Consultants if necessary</li> </ul>	6 (2 x 3)	<ul> <li>Staff absence</li> <li>Staff Capacity</li> <li>Incomplete or time delays to work</li> </ul>			

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PAR	ARISH ASSET RISKS												
PA1	Recreational Fields (Maintained by playing field associations)	3	4	12	• Clerk • Full Council	<ul> <li>Tenancy Agreements Signed</li> <li>RoSPA recommended for any play equipment</li> <li>Adequate Public Liability Insurance cover</li> </ul>	Inspection by Council annually	6 (2 x 3)	<ul> <li>Accident or injury reported</li> <li>Complaints from Members of the Public</li> </ul>				
PA2	Other land (Tenancies)	3	3	9	<ul><li>Clerk</li><li>Full</li><li>Council</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Tenancy Agreements signed</li> <li>RoSPA recommended for Murrow Pond</li> <li>Adequate Public Liability Insurance cover</li> </ul>	Inspection by Council annually	2 (1 x 2)	<ul> <li>Accident or injury reported</li> <li>Complaints from Members of the Public</li> </ul>				
PA3	Village Signs	2	4	8	• Clerk • Full Council	<ul> <li>Structural Report every 5 years</li> <li>Annual inspection by Chairman</li> <li>Clerk</li> <li>Monthly Inspections by Council Member</li> <li>Adequate Public Liability Insurance cover</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Regular Inspections</li> <li>Repairs as needed</li> </ul>	3 (1 x 3)	<ul> <li>Structure falling</li> <li>Complaints from</li> <li>Members of the Public</li> </ul>				
PA4	War Memorials	2	5	10	• Clerk • Full Council	<ul> <li>Structural Report every 5 years</li> <li>Annual inspection by Chairman</li> <li>Clerk</li> <li>Monthly Inspections by Council Member</li> <li>Adequate Public Liability</li> <li>Insurance cover</li> </ul>	Regular Inspections     Repairs as needed	6 (2 x 3)	Structure Falling     Impalement or     entrapment on railings     Complaints from     Members of the Public				
PA5	Bus Shelters	2	5	10	• Clerk • Full Council	<ul> <li>Structural Report every 5 years</li> <li>Annual inspection by Chairman</li> <li>Clerk</li> <li>Monthly Inspections by Council Member</li> <li>Adequate Public Liability Insurance cover</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Regular Inspections</li> <li>Repairs as needed</li> </ul>	6 (2 x 3)	Structure falling     Complaints from     Members of the Public				

PA6	Notice Boards	2	2	4	• Clerk • Full Council	• • •	<ul><li>Regular Inspections</li><li>Repairs as needed</li></ul>	2 (1 x 2)	Structure falling     Complaints from     Members of the Public
PA7	Public Seats	2	2	4	• Clerk • Full Council	Annual inspection by Chairman	<ul><li>New in 2021</li><li>Regular Inspections</li><li>Repairs as needed</li></ul>	2 (1 x 2)	<ul> <li>Personal Injury</li> <li>Complaints from</li> <li>Members of the Public</li> </ul>
PA8	Railings	2	4	8	• Clerk • Full Council		<ul><li>Regular Inspections</li><li>Repairs as needed</li></ul>	3 (1 x 3)	<ul> <li>Personal Injuries</li> <li>Damage to personal property</li> <li>Complaints from Members of the Public</li> </ul>
PA9	Litter Bins	2	2	4	• Clerk • Full Council	Annual inspection by Chairman     Clerk	<ul> <li>Regular Inspections</li> <li>Repairs or replacements as needed by FDC</li> </ul>	2 (1 x 2)	<ul> <li>Contamination or Disease</li> <li>Personal Injuries</li> <li>Complaints from Members of the Public</li> </ul>
PA 10	Village Ponds	2	5	10	• Clerk • Full Council	Annual inspection by Chairman	<ul><li>Deep Water Signs</li><li>Regular Inspections</li><li>RoSPA Inspections</li></ul>	5 (1 x 5)	<ul> <li>Drowning</li> <li>Falling Trees</li> <li>Complaints from Members of the Public</li> </ul>
PA 11	Street Lights x 154	2	5	10	<ul><li>Clerk</li><li>Full</li><li>Council</li></ul>		All changed to LED Completed in 2021	5 (1 x 5)	<ul><li>Posts/Column falling</li><li>Lamp/Bracket falling</li><li>Electric Shock</li></ul>

						by parishioners reported to the Clerk • Adequate Public Liability Insurance cover	<ul> <li>Replacement, repairs and inspections completed by Electrical Testing Ltd or Wisbech Electrical Ltd.</li> <li>New enplates for fault reporting information</li> </ul>		Complaints from     Members of the Public
PA 12	Planters	2	4	8	• Clerk • Full Council	<ul> <li>Annual inspection by Chairman</li> <li>Clerk</li> <li>Monthly Inspections by Council</li> <li>Member</li> <li>Adequate Public Liability</li> <li>Insurance cover</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Regular Inspections</li><li>Repairs as needed</li></ul>	3 (1 x 3)	<ul> <li>Personal Injuries</li> <li>Complaints from Members of the Public</li> </ul>
PA 13	Grass Cutting	3	3	9	• Clerk • Full Council	<ul> <li>Adequate Public Liability</li> <li>Insurance cover</li> <li>Contractors Health &amp; Safety</li> <li>Policy</li> <li>Specifications of contract signed by contractor</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Regular Inspections</li> <li>Contract reviewed annually</li> <li>Contract re- tendered every 3 years (max)</li> </ul>	4 (2 x 2)	<ul> <li>Personal Injuries</li> <li>Damage to Property</li> <li>Complaints from Members of the Public</li> </ul>
PA 14	Trees	3	4	12	• Clerk • Full Council	Yearly Tree Inspection by Parish Council     Report of priority actions produced     Tree works carried out by a professional arboriculturist     Provisions made in budget     Adequate Public Liability Insurance cover	<ul> <li>Necessary permissions obtained for TPO tree works</li> <li>Insurance provision</li> </ul>	12 (3 x 4)	Queries/Complaints from Members of the Public
PA 15	MVAS	2	2	4	• Clerk • Full Council	<ul> <li>Adequate Public Liability</li> <li>Insurance cover</li> <li>Risk Assessment. Method</li> <li>Statement from Supplier and CCC</li> <li>Highways</li> <li>Training by Supplier</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Volunteers trained and supplied with risk assessments and method statement.</li> <li>Silver level service agreement.</li> </ul>	2 (1 x 2)	<ul> <li>Personal Injuries</li> <li>Structure falling</li> <li>Complaints from</li> <li>Members of the Public</li> <li>Volunteers</li> </ul>
PA 16	Defibrillators	3	5	15	• Clerk • Full Council	Adequate Public Liability Insurance cover     Weekly checks by Guardians	<ul> <li>Regular Inspections</li> <li>Repairs as needed</li> <li>Master Schedule</li> <li>circulated to Guardians</li> </ul>	10 (2 x 5)	Lifesaving equipment being out of use when needed.

PA	Footpaths			0	Charle	Monthly inspections by Council Member     Annual inspection by Chairman & Clerk     Added to 'The Circuit'	Consultations with     Supplier for battery and     pads ordering before     expiry		Complaints from patients' family  Queries/Complaints from
17	·	3	3	9	• Clerk • Full Council	<ul> <li>Annual inspection by Chairman</li> <li>Clerk</li> <li>Monthly Inspections by Council</li> <li>Member</li> <li>Adequate Public Liability</li> <li>Insurance cover</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Regular Inspections</li> <li>Repairs as needed</li> <li>Regular reports from and questions put to DC</li> <li>&amp; CCC Cllrs</li> </ul>	2 (1 x 2)	Members of the Public
PA 18	Gates & Fencing (Guyhirn)	2	4	9	• Clerk • Full Council	<ul> <li>Annual inspection by Chairman</li> <li>&amp; Clerk</li> <li>Monthly Inspections by Council</li> <li>Member</li> <li>Adequate Public Liability</li> <li>Insurance cover</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Regular Inspections</li><li>Repairs as needed</li></ul>	3 (1 x 3)	<ul> <li>Personal Injuries</li> <li>Damage to personal property</li> <li>Complaints from Members of the Public</li> </ul>
PA 19	Signs	2	2	4	<ul><li>Clerk</li><li>Full</li><li>Council</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Annual inspection by Chairman</li> <li>&amp; Clerk</li> <li>Monthly Inspections by Council</li> <li>Member</li> <li>Adequate Public Liability</li> <li>Insurance cover</li> </ul>	Repairs or replacement as needed	2 (1 x 2)	<ul><li>Drowning</li><li>Parking on grass</li><li>Complaints from members of the public</li></ul>
PA 20	Tree Guards	2	4	8	• Clerk • Full Council	<ul> <li>Annual inspection by Chairman</li> <li>Clerk</li> <li>Monthly Inspections by Council</li> <li>Member</li> <li>Adequate Public Liability</li> <li>Insurance cover</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Regular Inspections</li><li>Repairs as needed</li></ul>	3 (1 x 3)	<ul> <li>Personal Injuries</li> <li>Damage to personal property</li> <li>Complaints from Members of the Public</li> </ul>
PA 21	Flag Poles	2	2	4	<ul><li>Clerk</li><li>Full</li><li>Council</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Annual inspection by Chairman</li> <li>&amp; Clerk</li> <li>Monthly Inspections by Council</li> <li>Member</li> <li>Adequate Public Liability</li> <li>Insurance cover</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Regular Inspections</li><li>Repairs or replacement as needed</li></ul>	2 (1 x 2)	<ul> <li>Personal Injuries</li> <li>Damage to personal property</li> <li>Complaints from Members of the Public</li> </ul>
PA 22	Life Buoys	3	5	15	• Clerk	• Annual inspection by Chairman & Clerk	Regular Inspections	10 (2 x 5)	<ul><li>Drowning</li><li>Vandalism to equipment</li></ul>

					• Full Council	Monthly Inspections by Council Member     Adequate Public Liability Insurance cover	Repairs or replacement as needed     RoSPA Inspections		<ul> <li>Personal Injuries</li> <li>Damage to personal property</li> <li>Complaints from Members of the Public</li> </ul>
PA 23	Chairman's Medal	2	4	8	Chair- man	Regular inspections by Chairman     Adequate Insurance Cover	Repairs as needed	4 (1 x 4)	Councils' presence not being recognisable
PA 24	Office Equipment	3	5	15	Clerk	Regular inspections by Clerk     Adequate Insurance Cover	Repair and replacement as needed	10 (2 x 5)	Clerk unable to carry out duties