



Beachamwell Parish Council

Risk Management Assessment

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The new Audit regime requires Councils to carry out an assessment of risk. The idea is to identify the level of risk exposure and any additional checks that are needed to give the Council a reasonable measure of protection.

Area	Risk	Level	Controls <i>(bold indicates areas where work is needed)</i>
Assets	Protection of physical assets	L	All assets are insured. Annual inspection undertaken by Councillors.
Finance	Banking	L	Sector specific bank utilised – sufficient signatories on the account to ensure continuity – two signatures to each online transaction. Online banking only.
	Loss of cash through theft or dishonesty	L	No cash handled. Receipts/letters of acceptance issued. Cheques made payable to PC only.
	Financial controls and records	M	Reconciliation prepared by clerk and checked by a councillor and reported to Council at every meeting. Two signatories on cheques. Internal and external audit. Councillors have access to Council software.
	Comply with Customs and Excise Regulations	M	Use help line when necessary. VAT payments and claims calculated by Clerk.
	Sound budgeting to underlie annual precept	M	Council receive detailed budgets in the late autumn. Precept derived directly from this. Expenditure against budget reported to PC regularly. Precept always set by full council.
	Complying with borrowing restrictions	L	No new borrowing likely at present
Liability	Risk to third party, property or individuals	M	Insurance in place. Open spaces checked regularly.
	Legal liability as consequence of asset ownership	H	Insurance in place. All decisions taken at full council.
	Safety of Staff and visitors	M	Visitors discouraged from visiting clerk without an appointment. Where possible, documents are made available for inspection prior to PC meeting.
Legal Liability	Ensuring activities are within legal powers	H	Clerk to clarify legal position on any new proposal. Legal advice to be sought where necessary.
	Proper and timely reporting via the Minutes	L	Council meets every other month and always receives and approves Minutes of meetings held in interim. Minutes made available on the notice board and PC website.
	Proper document control	M	Historical documents held with Norfolk Records Office

Councillors propriety	Registers of Interests and gifts and hospitality in place	H	Register of interest completed. Declaration of interest register is available on PC website.
SAM2	Injury to volunteers	M	Hi-Viz provided. Volunteers instructed to report any difficulties to Clerk. Risk assessments always submitted to Clerk before any activities take place.
Volunteers	Any projects within village	M	Risk Assessments for activities undertaken held by office and issued. Register of work/volunteers kept. Training where necessary along with any necessary safety equipment.