Rowington Parish Council – Risk Assessment

Adopted at the Meeting of Rowington Parish Council 8 March 2018

AREA	RISK	LEVEL	CONTROL
Assets	Protection of physical assets	М	 Buildings if appropriate and / or other assets insured such as play equipment. Value assessed annually and increased if deemed necessary by RPI or other appropriate measure. Weekly inspection of Playing Field and equipment. Annual RoSPA Inspection.
	Security of buildings, equipment, etc	L	PC does not have direct responsibility for any buildings.
	Maintenance of buildings, etc	L	As above
Finance	Banking	M	Account held with Lloyds Bank Important documents and stored by Parish Clerk.
	Risk of consequential loss of income Loss of cash through theft or dishonesty	H	 No cash reserves or petty cash held. Receipts issued & all cheque payments are authorised at PC meetings and are signed by two Cllrs. No cash cheques issued
	Financial controls and records	М	 Regular reconciliation prepared by the RFO and reported to Council. Two signatories on cheques. Internal and external audit.
	Comply with Customs and Excise Regulations	Н	 VAT payments and claims calculated by Clerk. Internal and external auditor to provide additional oversight checks.
	Sound budgeting to underlie annual precept	M	- Council receive detailed budgets monthly. Precept derived directly from this.
	Complying with borrowing restrictions	L	- No new borrowing likely at present.
Liability	Risk to third party, property or individuals	М	 PL Insurance in place & reviewed by Clerk and PC annually. Insured property checked regularly. Trees investigated when damage reported.
	Legal liability as consequence of asset ownership (especially playing Field)	Н	 Insurance in place & subject to annual review. Regular checks of playing Field & Annual Safety Inspection.
Employer Liability	Comply with Employment Law	М	 Membership of various national and regional bodies. Updates on changes in law provided through membership of WALC
	Comply with Inland Revenue requirements	М	 Regular advice from Inland Revenue. Internal and external auditor carries out annual checks.
Legal Liability	Ensuring activities are within legal powers	Н	 Clerk clarifies legal position on any new proposal. Legal advice to be sought where necessary. Notification of legal updates through WALC
	Proper and timely reporting via the Minutes	М	 Council meets monthly and receives and approves Minutes of meetings held in interim. Minutes made available to press and public.

	Proper document control	M	 Data storage to comply with Data Protection Act/GDPR. Safe document storage. Clerk has implemented document storage. Implementation of policy for dealing with personal information.
	Entering into contracts	М	Internal review of contract document. Seek advice from WALC
Councillor	Registers of Interests and gifts and	Н	- Register of interests completed.
priority	hospitality in place.		- Any gifts and hospitality declared at each Council meeting.