## **Rowington Parish Council – Risk Assessment**

Reviewed at the Meeting of Rowington Parish Council 9 June 2022

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

	Proper document control	M	<ul> <li>Data storage to comply with Data Protection Act/GDPR.</li> <li>Safe document storage.</li> <li>Clerk has implemented document storage.</li> <li>Implementation of policy for dealing with personal information.</li> </ul>
	Entering into contracts	М	<ul><li>Internal review of contract document.</li><li>Seek advice from WALC</li></ul>
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.