DONHEAD ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL RISK ASSESSMENTS - Index of Risks

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RISK ASSESSMENT: 01 - Office safety and management Procedures

		Probability			Impact	Risk		
OFFICE SAFETY and MANAGEMENT:	High	medium	low	High	medium	low	high	low
a. Open and transparent			√			V		V
b. Keep others informed			√			\		\
c. Maintain public access			√			√		√
d. Post minutes of meetings			√			\		√
e. Keep accounts			V		√			V
f. Conduct annual audit			√			V		V

PERSONS AT RISK: C

Councillors - a, b, e and f.

General public - c and d.

AC ⁻	TION REQUIRED:	ACTION?
Maintain index of	Maintain a file register	To be implemented
filing system		
Computer procedures	Establish back up routine.	Google Drive used weekly.
Administrative	Establish office opening and closing procedures for	Very informal office hours - restricted
procedures	Councillors and members of the public during public access	to prior arrangement with the Clerk.
	times.	
Minutes of meetings	Post minutes of all meetings.	Draft minutes on notice board.
Accounts	Establish accounting routine for all transactions.	Noted; detailed procedures not in place.
Health and Safety	Maintain record of any health and safety issues that are	To be recorded in minutes
issues	not accidents / incidents; reporting at full meetings.	

RISK ASSESSMENT: 02

Selection and Appointment of Sub-Contractors

		Probability			Impact			Risk	
SELECTION and APPOINTMENT OF S/Cs:	high	medium	low	high	medium	low		high	low
a. Competence/workmanship		√			√				√
b. Safety record		√			√				√
c. Working in public areas		V			V				√
d. Working alongside traffic		√			√				√
e. Known dangers & risks			√			\			√
f. Financial loss	1			√					√
g. Unclear duties / responsibility	1			√					√
h. Unclear specification		V			V				√

PERSONS AT RISK: Sub-contractors - a, b, d, e, g and h.

General Public - b, c and d.

Parish Council - e, f, g and h.

Council Tax payers - f, g and h.

Note: the 'Action Required' should be moderated to take account of size of the company or contractor being employed.

ACTION REQUIRED:		ACTION?		
<u>Contractors</u>	Seek advice and recommendation when compiling list of sub-contractors.	Noted		
	Select a list of 3 sub-contractors or as specified in current Financial Regulations.	Noted		
Enquiry document	Be clear and concise.			
	State what is to be done; where, when, how and by whom. Document to include, for example, a sketch map giving locations and a list of duties and responsibilities.	Noted		
	Document to contain a statement of risks and responsibilities to be carried by the sub-contractor, including a clear statement on public liability insurance.	Noted		
Quotations	Verify that all sub-contractors have quoted on the same terms.	Noted		
	Tabulate rates and prices for discussion (by sub-committee if appropriate) for recommendations to full parish Council meeting.	Noted		
Selection	Parish Councillors to select.	Noted		
<u>Appointment</u>	Parish Clerk to appoint.	Noted		
Information to be provided	Contact details for queries and invoicing.	Noted		
to sub-contractor	Mechanism for incident reporting.			
	Known dangers and risks associated with the project.			
	Location of any utilities.			
	Key dates for work and/or completion.			
Information to be provided	A statement of the competency of the personnel being used.	Noted		
by sub-contractor	A copy of their safety policy.			
	A copy of their C.O.S.H.H. assessment for the work being carried out - for			
	storage and handling of materials.			
	A copy of the noise assessment.			
	A copy of their Employer's Liability Insurance.			
	A copy of their Public Liability Insurance.			
	A copy of their risk assessments and method statements.			

RISK ASSESSMENT: 04 - Litter Picking

		Probability				Impact		Ri	sk
Lanes other than the A30:			medium	low	high	medium	low	high	low
a.	Working alongside traffic	√			√			√	
b.	Flying debris			√		√			√
c.	Broken glass / hazardous items, i.e. syringes		√			√			√
d.	Injury - thorns etc		√		V			√	

PERSONS AT RISK:

Councillors and volunteers - a, b, c and d.

ACTION REQUIR	RED: (Above all use common sense!)	ACTION?
Councillor and	Clothing and equipment to consist of:	Provision of high visibility vests (or
<u>volunteer</u>	Stout footwear	alternative), litter pickers and suitable gloves
protection and	High visibility waistcoat preferable, otherwise	- to be worn / used at all times.
<u>safety</u>	distinctive, 'loud' coloured clothing	
	Industrial style gloves and Litter picker	
	Dogs, dubious characters etc.	No lone working; mobile 'phone to be available.
	Potentially hazardous waste.	No intervention - leave and report to Clarence.
	All items of clothing and equipment to be inspected a	Noted.
	week before any litter picking; the Clerk being notified	
	if replacements needed.	
<u>Public safety</u>	Take care in public areas not to leave implements such	Noted.
	that accidents may occur.	
Litter Collected	Pick litter into bags provided by the Parish Clerk and	For 'large scale collections' - the Clerk will
	leave at a pre-determined location; Parish Clerk to	arrange a pick up point with WC Street Scene
	arrange collection as appropriate.	manager.

RISK ASSESSMENT: 05 - Grounds Maintenance / Cemetery

[Only applicable if contracts not let]

		Probability		Impact			Ris	sk	
GRASS MOWING / HEDGE & SHRUB PRUNING:		high	medium	low	high	medium	low	high	low
a.	Contact with rotating blades			\			>		
b.	Flying / falling debris		√			V			
c.	Collision with obstacles		√				√		
d.	injury from lack of appropriate clothing								
e.	injury from 'volunteer' equipment								
f.	Public injury from volunteer actions								

PERSONS AT RISK: General Public - b and f.

Volunteers - a, b, c, d, e and f.

ACTION REQ	ACTION REQUIRED:				
<u>Volunteer</u> <u>protection</u>	Volunteers to be equip themselves with all appropriate clothing and safety equipment, i.e. stout footwear, gloves and goggles	Noted			
Equipment	To be assessed for effectiveness and faults prior to any work taking place.	Noted Noted			
Public Injury	Work to stop if the public close by, OR, warning notices placed in prominent places	Volunteers to note			
*****	When such work is outsourced, Councillors need to decide whether each contractor or company needs to submit a risk assessment sheet as part of the quotation. This decision to be made by full council prior to the contract being awarded; the criteria to take account of the size and nature of the work involved and whether the contractor has adequate public liability insurance.				

RISK ASSESSMENT: 06 - Finance

	Probability				Impact		Risk	
FINANCE:	high	medium	low	high	medium	low	high	low
a. Budget setting - Inadequate funding			V			V		√
b. Budget monitoring - under or over expenditure		√			/			√
c. Lack of procedural knowledge - VAT, precept application, payroll			V	V				V
d. Fraud and theft - cheque signing, income collection and petty cash			\	√				√
e. Inadequate systems		V			V			V
f. Procedural queries			\			V		√
g. Clerk / RFO integrity			V	V				V

PERSONS AT RISK: Councillors - a, c, d, e, f and g.

Wiltshire Council - c and e.

Council Tax Payers - a, b, c, d, e, f and g.

ACTION REQUIRED:		ACTION?
Budget setting	Consideration by a minimum of 2 Full council meetings.	In place.
Budget monitoring	Minimum of quarterly monitoring at full council meetings.	In place.
Lack of procedural knowledge	RFO/Clerk to make full use of training/advice offered by WALC, SDC and HMRC.	Noted.
Fraud and theft	Minimum of 2 councillors to sign each cheque, counterfoil and invoice.	In place.
	Issue receipts at time of cash collection.	As
		appropriate.
<u>Inadequate systems</u>	Appoint competent Internal Auditor and provide current 'Governance and	In place.
	Accountability for Local Councils'.	
<u>Procedural queries</u>	Consult WALC for indemnified advice.	As
		appropriate.
Clerk / RFO integrity	Collection of written references.	Done.
	Fidelity insurance.	In place.