

Emneth Parish Council Risk Management Policy

About the Council

Emneth Parish Council is a small parish council as defined by the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. The Council has varying activities and functions and is currently insured through Aviva Insurance Ltd. The Insurance Policy is for a term of 1 year, and is due for renewal 1st June 2027.

The contact details for the insurers are:

Ecclesiastical Insurance Office plc
2000 Pioneer Avenue
Brockworth
Gloucester
GL3 4AW

The Clerk retains the insurance file and will deal with all matters relating to risk and insurance. This is detailed in the Clerk's Job Description and supported by 'Governance and Accountability'. The Council supports the Clerk in this role by providing training opportunities. The Council agrees the Risk Management Policy which is reviewed every year.

Main Actions in relation to risk management

- ✓ The Asset Register is updated during the course of the year by the Clerk.
- ✓ Risk assessments (Health and Safety) are written and updated by the Clerk where appropriate, or another designated body. Copies of risk assessments are retained.
- ✓ Sites are inspected at least annually and records are retained.
- ✓ The Council reviews the Insurance Policy prior to renewal.
- ✓ Financial Risk Assessments are carried out by the Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer, as required.
- ✓ Documentation is kept safely and securely.

- ✓ The Council reviews its systems of Internal Control at least annually.

The Risks identified for the Council:

Risks	Likelihood v Impact = Risk Rating	Mitigation	By what means	Action
Operational				
Staff Clerk Litter Picker Playing Field Caretaker	High - Accident at work - Sickness - Terminates employment	Employer's Liability in place Lone Worker's Policy Adequate Working Balance	Insurance Policy Budgeted	Clerk and Council
Members of the public attending meetings	Low - Accident - Incident	Public Liability Insurance Visual Inspection – recorded Standing Orders in place	Insurance Policy Committee or Council	Clerk
SAM2 Speed watch volunteers	Medium - Roadside accident - Lifting heavy equipment	Risk Assessment and training for use of SAM2 provided Public Liability Insurance Asset Insurance	Westcotec Council £10 million Public Liability Insurance Policy Asset Register maintained and Insurers advised	Clerk arranged Asset Register updated annually by Clerk
Contractors	Medium Public accident	Public Liability Insurance Contractors own Public Liability	Insurance Policy Council and Contractor (£10 million)	Clerk

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Financial				
Cash flow and end of year balance	Medium	Budget prepared Budget Monitoring document provided to members Reserve funds allocated Fidelity Guarantee in place Internal Controls in place	Clerk / RFO Insurance Policy Policies reviewed annually	Council to agree and review
Adequacy of Reserves	Medium	Consider when setting the Budget.	Annually	Council to agree and review
Handling of cash n/a to Emneth Parish Council	Medium	Two people designated to count and bank cash	Insurance cover for retention of cash	Council to agree and review
Audit challenges	Medium	Audit control policies in place and reviewed	Clerk / RFO	Council to agree and review
Data Protection	Medium	DPO appointed Clerk and Councillors trained Finance Committee has delegated power to manage the process Data Protection Policy adopted	Clerk / RFO Clerk / Councillors Finance Committee Council	Council to agree and review

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Date agreed: 27th May 2025

Date to be reviewed: AGM 2027