

Kennington Parish Council

Risk Assessment Statement

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RISK IDENTIFICATION

1. Insurance cover is in place for the council's assets – play equipment, street furniture, office equipment etc., for public liability and loss of cash through theft or dishonesty (fidelity guarantee).
2. The parish council only use responsible contractors for any work done for the parish council.
3. For major building projects the council will appoint a qualified Health and Safety Executive.

SAFETY OF PLAY AREAS AND EQUIPMENT

4. Both play areas and Equipment is monitored fortnightly by the Village Warden, faults reported, made safe and repairs undertaken as speedily as possible. The BMX track is also monitored fortnightly.
5. Both play areas and equipment is checked annually by RoSPA. RoSPA also annually check the BMX track. Monthly inspections are carried out by M R Herring, with necessary maintenance carried out, larger concerns reported to the council.
6. A public notice gives information as to who to contact in case of an immediate problem.

PLAYING FIELD MAINTENANCE

7. The council ensure that people who carry out maintenance of the playing field are suitably insured.

INTERNAL CONTROLS AND AUDIT

8. Council maintains an up-to-date register of assets and investments.
9. Ensures adequate insurance from reputable insurance provider.
10. Standing orders and Financial Regulations are in place to deal with the award of contracts.
11. Regular financial statements are provided to council.
12. Council ensures that a review of the system of internal audit and financial system is carried out on a quarterly basis by different councillors.

GENERAL

13. Council keeps proper financial records and minutes of meetings.
14. All business activities are within legal powers applicable to local councils.
15. All requirements are met under employment law, Inland Revenue regulations and VAT requirements.
16. Council prepares an adequate annual precept and ensures the proper use of funds under Section 137 powers.
17. Keeps the Register of members' interest and gifts and hospitality up to date.

REVIEW PERIOD

This Statement will be reviewed annually.