Grimstead Parish Council Risk Register

| Risk | Impact | Mitigation Strategy | Owner | Status/Action | | |
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| 1. Financial | | | | | | |
| 1.1 Non-payment of precept and grant | Limited access to funds until Wiltshire Council pay | Clerk monitors bank statements regularly | Clerk | In place | | |
| 1.2 Loss of R2 funds generated from S106 agreements | Funds lost if not used within specified time limits | Parish Council to have a list of suitable uses of R2 on the back burner | ED | Not in place yet £4,000 available (6/6/16) | | |
| 1.3 Loss of funds through dishonesty | PC unable to function Reputational damage External oversight | Bank reconciliation to be made of a monthly basis A list of invoices paid/cheques written in the period to be presented to full Parish Council meetings Current Account to be operated on payment by cheque system with two authorised members signing Accounts to be audited annually by the Council's Internal Auditor and an External Auditor | Clerk | In place | | |
| 1.4 Requirement to fund unforeseen activities e.g. recruitment & training new clerk; property maintenance | Deferment or cancellation of planned expenditure | Financial reserves | ED | In place | | |
| 1.5 Electors unable to exercise their rights | Breach of Accounts and Audit Regulations | Accounts published - on Parish Council website and on notice boards Notify electors that accounts have been published and invite questions | ED | In place | | |
| 2. Assets | | | | | | |
| 2.1 Defective play equipment | Negligence claim against the Parish Council | Annual inspection of play equipment Inspection recommendations actioned within timely manner (expectation of insurers) Insurance cover | ED | Generally in place but more timely actioning of inspection recommendations required | | |

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| 2.2 Damage to other assets | Unforeseen expenditure | Annual inspections Insurance cover | ED | N/A as none at present | | | |
| 3. Records | | | | | | | |
| 3.1 Loss of Parish Council records | Non-fulfilment of statutory responsibilities | Paper records held in secure location Computer backed-up regularly (monthly) – back-up kept in different location to main computer Computer virus protected | Clerk | In place | | | |
| 3.2 Inability to update website | Non-fulfilment of statutory responsibilities – if agenda and meeting minutes not published on notice boards | More than one person trained in website maintenance – all councillors have login information | GS | In place | | | |
| 3.3 Inappropriate use of village email registers | Breach of Data Protection Act – could lead to prosecution | Opt-out message included in all mass emails Restricted access to and use of email register Email managers to be aware of Data Protection principles | RRC | Gill to check that these things happen in E Grimstead? Ross to provide link to information on DP principles | | | |
| 4. Other | | | | | | | |
| 4.1 Councillors involved in decisions in which they have an interest | Possible accusations of 'corruption' | Register of Interests maintained by Wiltshire Council and notifications of changes given by Parish Council Agenda item at each Parish Council meeting | All | In place | | | |
| 4.2 Contracts let improperly | Possible accusations of 'corruption' Extra expense in re- tendering | Contracts to follow the Grimstead financial regulations, which are slightly different from the Wiltshire Council regulations - the model regulations are on various websites (Wiltshire, WALC, NALC) and we can choose for ourselves | Clerk | In place | | | |