

The Risk Assessment for Brook Parish Council as at 31st March 2024

THE RISK	CURRENT ACTION
The assets - 2 x bench The Notice Board A defibrillator The Recreation Ground The Play area The exercise area	The Council has Public liability insurance that covers these items
Decision making	There are 6 Councillors that take the decisions together, they have all signed the Code of Conduct and the register of members interests
Council Business	There are 6 Councillors that take the decisions together, they have all signed the Code of Conduct and the register of members interests
Libel and Slander	The Council is insured against libel and slander.
3 rd Parties - including contractors	The insurance seems to cover 3 rd parties. All contractors must have their own insurance. A verbal agreement is suffice.
Finances	Have fidelity insurance and all cheques/payments are approved by 2 Councillors. All payments are minuted as they are made. Each meeting incorporates a minuted financial statement.
Money	Have insurance to protect Council money.
VAT	VAT is recorded in the accounts and the Clerk, as Finance Officer, reclaims the VAT on an annual basis.
Minutes	The minutes are presented properly and the minute books are stored in a fire-proof safe to ensure their safety
Procedures to deal with public enquiry	The Council has proper procedures set out for public enquiry, as required by the Freedom of Information Act 2001 - our model was approved - as minuted. A copy of these procedures are documented in the minute book.
Documented Procedures for document receipt	Upon receipt of Council documents they are circulated to all Councillors, the Councillors are given the opportunity to respond - the Clerk then handles the response as requested and files the documents. A copy of these procedures are documented in the minute book.
Procedures in place for recording members' interests and gifts and hospitality received	All Councillors have signed the Code of Conduct and the register of members interests

The Councillors also agreed that the risk assessment should be checked as an item on each agenda to ensure that any changes or additions are brought to the attention of the Councillors, in addition to the financial statement.