**General Risk Assessment for – Maiden Bradley Parish Council**

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| **No** | **ITEM** | **HAZARD** | **THOSE IN DANGER** | **SEVERITY**  **1-10** | **LIKELIHOOD**  **1-10** | **RISK**  **RATE** | **MEASURES /COMMENTS** | **RESULT** |
| 1 | Recreational Area  2 Polynesia Hippo Springer’s  Three seat Anti Wrap  Action Pac TOBA | Play Equipment  Vandalism  Cost of Replacement | Injury to people using Play Equipment | 8 | 4 | 32 | Weekly Visual inspection of Play area by Councillor.  Monthly written inspection actioned by a Councillor  Annual inspection carried out by ROSPA  Dated Insurance including Public Liability. | A |
| 2 | Trees on boundaries to the recreational area | Falling Branches/ Debris | Injury to Pedestrians, pets and vehicles | 8 | 4 | 32 | Weekly Visual inspection of trees by Councillor  Report issues to Estate Forester  Dated Insurance including Public Liability | T |
| 3 | Bus shelter | Impact damage  Vandalism  Cost of Replacement | Pedestrians | 4 | 4 | 16 | Repair cost  Dated insurance including Public Liability | T |
| 4 | Gates and Fencing | Vandalism  Repair costs  Cost of Replacement | Pedestrians | 4 | 4 | 16 | Repair cost  Dated insurance including Public Liability | T |
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| 5 | Grit Bin | Vandalism  Impact Damage  Repair costs  Cost of Replacement | Pedestrians | 4 | 4 | 16 | Repair cost  Dated insurance including Public Liability | T |
| 7 | Fox Head Memorial | Cost of replacement  Damage to Memorial  Vandalism | Loss of Heritage | 1 | 4 | 4 | Dated insurance, including Public Liability  Make contingency provision in Parish Council Reserves | T |
| 8 | Notice Board at the Bus Stop | Vandalism  Impact Damage  Cost of Replacement | Pedestrians | 4 | 1 | 4 | Dated insurance, including Public Liability  Make contingency provision in Parish Council Reserves | T |

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| 9 | Interpretation Board  Outside the Bradley Hare | | Vandalism  Impact Damage  Cost of Replacement | | Pedestrians | 4 | 1 | 4 | Dated insurance, including Public Liability  Make contingency provision in Parish Council Reserves | T |
| 10 | 2 Park Bench’s | | Vandalism  Impact damage  Cost of Replacement | | Pedestrians | 4 | 4 | 16 | Dated insurance, including Public Liability  Make contingency provision in Parish Council Reserves | T |
| 11 | Fencing at Play Area & Signage | | Vandalism  Repair cost  Cost of Replacement | | Pedestrians | 4 | 4 | 16 | Repair cost  Dated insurance including Public Liability | T |
| 12 | Steel Bench | | Vandalism  Repair cost  Cost of Replacement | | Pedestrians | 4 | 4 | 16 | Dated insurance, including Public Liability  Make contingency provision in Parish Council Reserves | T |
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| 13 | Sports Goal Force Wall | | Play Equipment  Vandalism  Repair cost  Cost of Replacement | | Injury to people using Play Equipment | 8 | 4 | 32 | Monthly Visual inspection of Play area by Councillor.  Annual inspection carried out by ROSPA  Dated Insurance including Public Liability. | A |
| 14 | Projector | | Cost of replacement  Repair cost  Accidental Damage | | Clerk  Councillors  Parishioners | 4 | 4 | 16 | Dated Insurance  Including Public Liability  Make contingency provision in Parish Council Reserves | T |
| 15 | Laptop & Printer | | Cost of replacement  Repair cost  Accidental Damage | | Clerk  Councillors  Parishioners | 4 | 4 | 16 | Dated Insurance  Including Public Liability  Make contingency provision in Parish Council Reserves for replacement. Contributions from other users put aside for their replacement | T |
| 16 | Speed indicator Device | | Cost of replacement  Repair cost  Accidental Damage | | Councillors  Parishioners |  |  |  | Weekly Visual inspection of SID by Councillor.  Health & Safety Training actioned and HI visibility clothing worn at all times when setting up the Sid Two Councillors present at each move  Dated Insurance including Public Liability. |  |
| 17 | Failure to attract sufficient candidates for Member vacancies or elections | | Reduced representation of neighbourhoods  Lack of resource  Possible meeting inquorate | | Members | 2 | 2 | 4 | actively publicise Council activities  seek candidates amongst friends and colleagues  publicise elections & vacancies on notice boards  publicise elections & vacancies in Parish Newsletter and website  publicise elections & vacancies in local newspapers | A |
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| 18 | Failure to achieve quorum at meetings | | Business not transacted  Decisions not made | | Members  Clerk | 1 | 3 | 3 | issue annual meeting calendar to all members  issue meeting agendas promptly  record attendance  contact members who fail to attend meetings | T |
| 19 | Lack of public consultation by Council | | Decisions not based on evidence  People disenfranchised | | Members | 1 | 2 | 2 | ensure meetings publicised on notice boards  use Annual Parish Meeting  place articles in local newspapers/parish magazine  consider leafleting  include public participation on all agendas  ensure seating available at meeting for public  provide advice for members of the public attending  publish agendas and minutes on website | T |
| 20 | Failure to respond to electors wishing to exercise right of inspection | | Complaints received  Not transparent  Non compliance | | Clerk | 1 | 2 | 2 | Clerk to advertise facility, and respond to requests | A |
| 21 | Members acting alone outside meetings | | Members outside compliance  Indemnities invalid  Personal risk | | Members | 2 | 2 | 4 | obtain and read ‘Good Councillor Guide’  avoid making commitments on behalf of the council attend relevant training course | A |
| 22 | Council decisions not implemented | | Confidence undermined  Reputation risk arises  Possible losses | | Clerk | 1 | 4 | 4 | Clerk to publish marked unapproved Minutes to be considered at next meeting | A |
| 23 | Inaccurate, untimely, improper minutes | | Poor decisions in future  Poor evidence for decisions | | Clerk | 1 | 3 | 3 | Clerk to check minutes with Councillors not more than 7 days after meeting  Minutes published Unapproved | A |
| 24 | Inadequate document control | | Poor evidence  Poor support to Members | | Clerk | 1 | 2 | 3 | Clerk to establish filing and retrieval system  Clerk to enforce document version control | A |
| 25 | Failure to recognise and address conflict of interest | | Lack of transparency  Open to complaints of fairness or bias | | Members  Clerk | 1 | 2 | 2 | Members to review Standards regime | A |
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| 26 | Incomplete/inaccurate register of Members’ interests | | Lack of transparency  Open to complaints of fairness or bias | | Members | 1 | 2 | 2 | Members to review Standards regime | A |
| 27 | Failure to complete/submit Annual Return on time | | Poor Auditors report  Public confidence suffers | | Clerk | 1 | 3 | 3 | Clerk to maintain diary | A |
| 28 | Improper contracting procedures | | Possible losses  Poor levels of service  Possible increased costs | | Clerk | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2015 national model adopted, separate financial regs  Clerk adequately trained | A |
| 29 | Loss of data on PC due to system fault | | Interruption to effective administration  Possible financial loss | | Clerk | 1 | 4 | 4 | External hard-drive Monthly back up | A |
| 30 | Loss of services of Parish Clerk | | Interruption to effective administration | | Members  Clerk | 2 | 2 | 2 | Internal  Councillors trained to undertake wide range of financial and administrative tasks. Instruction Booklet available for Councillors  Chairman has permission to request mail addressed to Clerk, Maiden Bradley with Yarnfield Parish Council from Mr. Stephen Jeffries, 9 Beech Grove Warminster Wiltshire BA12 0AB  External  Locum Panel of experienced Parish and Town Clerks provided by the Society of Local Council Clerks able to assist in an emergency  Up to date List available from the Society of Local Council Clerks on the website or by phoning 01823 253646 | A |
| 31 | Lack of professional advice | | Poor decisions  Costs and waste  Possible non-compliance | | Clerk | 2 | 2 | 4 | Maintain membership of WALC, NALC and SLCC | A |
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| 32 | Lack of defined objectives or strategy | | Resources not directed  Poor performance  Risks not base lined | | Members | 1 | 2 | 2 | Council to produce an agreed 3 year Corporate Action Plan | A |
| 33 | Failure to correctly identify local needs or wishes | | Council does not represent the people  Resources not applied  Democratic deficit | | Members | 1 | 3 | 3 | maintain close contact with local residents  advertise parish meetings to obtain residents’ feedback  use questionnaires to identify local wishes, publicise plans and invite comments  review local papers, especially correspondence sections use events to seek views and feedback | A |
| 34 | Financial | | Misappropriation of Council Funds  Financial loss | | Public Services | 1 | 2 | 2 | All Banking Arrangements and changes to banking services approved by the council and recorded in the minutes  Pay invoices by cheque/internet banking  Cheques only signed at Council meetings  Two councillors to sign each cheque, invoice and Cheque stub. Internet Banking two Councillors to authorise online.  Monthly reconciliation of Parish Accounts to be signed by the Chairman at each meeting  Annual scrutiny of all Financial Records by a Councillor & internal auditor.  External Auditor to advise Clerk of the Council and the Chairman All changes in banking instructions, mandates etc. to be in writing with a hard copy kept permanently on file. | A |
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| 35 | Income  Ensuring that all requirements are met under custom & excise regulations | | Unable to fulfil responsibilities | | Public Service | 1 | 2 | 2 | Ensure Council understands and complies with current VAT legislation | A |
| 36 | Orders for Work, goods and services  Monitoring of performances against agreed standards under partnership agreements | | Unable to fulfil responsibilities | | Public Service | 1 | 2 | 2 | Reviewed at internal audit | A |

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| 37 | Lack of public participation at meetings | Public voice not heard  Potential lack of interest in vacancies  Lack of transparency | Members | | 1 | | 2 | | 2 | ensure meetings publicised on notice board  place articles in local parish magazine  include public participation on all agendas  ensure Zoom invite available for online and seating available at in person meeting for public  provide advice for members of the public attending  publish agendas and minutes on website | | A |
| 38 | Allegations of libel or slander | Potential for litigation  Costs of investigation  Reduces confidence | Members | | 1 | | 3 | | **3** | Clerk to intervene at meetings  review all press releases or newsletter articles before release  Adequate Insurance Cover | | A |
| 39 | Bad publicity | Reduces confidence | Members  Clerk | | 1 | | 3 | | 3 | review all press releases or newsletter articles before release manage press relations | | A |
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| 40 | Accidental damage to fixed assets | Costs of repair  Loss of service until repaired | Clerk | | 2 | | 2 | | 4 | Maintain insurance  Playground inspection regime established. Inspections of Speed Indicator Device established. | | A |
| 41 | Vandalism to fixed assets | Costs of repair  Loss of service until repaired | Clerk | | 3 | | 2 | | 6 | Maintain inspection regime  Maintain insurance  Liaison with Police | | A |
| 42 | Loss to third parties | Possible litigation  Costs/damages | Clerk | | 1 | | 3 | | 3 | Review health & safety  ensure adequate insurance  check contractors insurance | | A |
| 43 | Inadequate insurance | Balance of costs to be found | Clerk | | 1 | | 4 | | 4 | Council to review annually or if circumstances change | | A |
| 44 | Failure to calculate/submit precept on time | Inadequate resources to meet commitments  Costs of re-billing | Clerk | | 1 | | 3 | | 3 | Clerk to respond to Wiltshire Council notices  Agenda item for Members to consider and approve. | | A |
| 45 | Inadequate annual precept and unsound budget | Inadequate resources to meet commitments | Members | | 1 | | 4 | | 4 | Clerk and Members to build sound budget, using risk register and known commitments. Members to consider Reserves Policy built into Financial Regulations. | | A |
| 46 | Failure to account for and recover VAT | Wasted resources | Clerk | | 1 | | 3 | | 3 | Clerk to review  Internal auditor to check | | A |
| 47 | Failure to stay within agreed budgets | Inadequate control  Potential wasted resources | Members  Clerk | | 1 | | 2 | | 2 | Clerk to review  Internal auditor to check  Reserves Policy to mitigate short-term impact of loss. | | A |
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| 48 | Holding excessive or inadequate reserves | Auditors report  Poor use of resources  Inability to meet commitments | Members | | 2 | | 3 | | 6 | Clerk to review as part of budgeting  Reserves Policy to set percentage of precept.  Council to review size of Reserves | | A |
| 49 | Fraud by Clerk | Reputation  Costs, Litigation | Clerk | | 1 | | 3 | | 3 | Adequate internal audit  Regular reporting to members  Control systems for managing expenditure | | A |
| 50 | Fraud by Members | Reputation  Costs, Litigation | Clerk | | 1 | | 3 | | 3 | Adequate internal audit  Regular reporting to members  Control systems for managing expenditure | | A |
| 51 | Inadequate awareness of relevant legislation | Failure to comply | Members  Clerk | | 2 | | 3 | | 6 | Maintain membership of WALC/NALC  Clerk to train/qualify | | A |
| 52 | Failure to comply with relevant legislation | Litigation  Costs  Reputation damage | Members  Clerk | | 2 | | 3 | | 6 | Maintain membership of WALC/NALC  Clerk to maintain training  Liaise with internal and external auditors | | A |
| 53 | Failure to maintain fixed assets register | Improper control  Poor auditor’s report | Clerk | | 1 | | 2 | | 2 | Council to review  Internal audit to review | | A |
| 54 | Improper financial records | Potential for wasted resources | Clerk | | 1 | | 2 | | 2 | Internal audit to review | | A |
| 55 | HMRC requirements not met | Costs  Litigation | Clerk | | 1 | | 3 | | 3 | Clerk to liaise as necessary | | A |
| 56 | Failure to comply with deadlines for accounts and returns | Poor auditor’s report  Reduction in confidence | Clerk | | 1 | | 2 | | 2 | Clerk to liaise with internal and external audit | | A |
| 57 | Non-compliance with data protection | Litigation  Poor reputation | Members  Clerk | | 1 | | 3 | | 3 | Clerk to monitor | | A |

**Results Key** – T = TRIVIAL RISK **A** = ADEQUATELY CONTROLLED RISK **N** = NOT ADEQUATELY CONTROLLED **U** = UNABLE TO DECIDE (MORE INFORMATION REQUIRED)

**RISK ASSESSMENT CARRIED OUT BY: SARAH JEFFRIES DATE: 14.09.21 Signature: ..................................................**

**RISK ASSESSMENT VALIDATED BY: MEMBERS OF *MAIDEN BRADLEY WITH YARNFIELD PARISH COUNCIL* DATE: 14.09.21**

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**Risk Assessment Scoring Matrix**

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| **Likelihood** | **Severity** | | | | | |
|  | **Multiple Death**  **(10)** | **Single Death**  **(8)** | **Major Injury**  **(6)** | **Lost Time Injury**  **(4)** | **Minor Injury**  **(2)** | **Delay**  **(1)** |
| **Certain (10)** | 100 | 80 | 60 | 40 | 20 | 10 |
| **Very Likely (8)** | 80 | 64 | 48 | 32 | 16 | 8 |
| **Likely (6)** | 60 | 48 | 36 | 24 | 12 | 6 |
| **May Happen (4)** | 40 | 32 | 24 | 16 | 8 | 4 |
| **Unlikely (2)** | 20 | 16 | 12 | 8 | 4 | 2 |
| **Very Unlikely (1)** | 10 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| ***Score*** | ***Priority*** | ***Action*** | | | | |
| **1 – 16** | **LOW** | Action is required to reduce the risk, although low priority. | | | | |
| **17 – 36** | **MEDIUM** | Action required to control.  Interim measures may be necessary in the short term. | | | | |
| **37 – 100** | **HIGH** | Action required urgently to control risks. Unacceptable  Immediate action required | | | | |