

**POLSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
RISK MANAGEMENT REGISTER AS AT MARCH 2023**

Risk Identified	Impact	Risk	Insurance Cover	Control Action
Inadequate forward planning and budgetary controls	High	Low	No	Annual Budget Review Actual vs. Budget review at meetings
Fraud by Clerk or Councillors resulting in immediate financial loss	High	Low	Yes	No Petty Cash Councillors check bank reconciliation against bank statements at each meeting Internal Auditor review
Council operates ultra vires or does not comply with current legislation	High	Low	No	Regular training for Councillors and Clerk Within Clerk's job description
Poor reporting to Council, Record Keeping and Book Keeping	Medium	Low	No	Accurate minutes Timely and accurate financial reporting Internal Auditor review External Auditor review
Council lacks relevant skills	Medium	Low	No	Regular training for Councillors and Clerk Create committee and second skills
Lack of maintenance to council owned assets	High	Medium	Yes	Maintenance programme Walk the Parish to review condition of assets
Loss or damage to council owned property	Low	Low	Yes	Asset Insurance cover Review Assets Register against insurance
Injury to persons as a consequence of asset ownership or provision of amenities	High	Medium	Yes	Public Liability insurance Weekly inspection of play equipment Annual inspection of play equipment by external organisation Walk of Parish to review
Failure to reclaim VAT	Low	Low	No	RFO Report review by councillors Internal Auditor review VAT can be claimed back 3 years
Failure to respond to electors' rights of access	Medium	Low	No	Within Clerk's job description
Unexpected loss of Clerk or Clerk's office	High	Low	Yes	Up to date job description Clerk electronic files held on Microsoft One Drive Cloud.
GDPR				
Consent	Low	Medium	No	Review all new forms & website changes
Council Awareness	High	Medium	No	Clerk training
Councillor Awareness	High	Medium	No	Councillor training & ICO Guide
Data Breaches	Low	High	No	ICO process to follow
Data Protection Officer	Low	Low	No	Parish Council does not need to appoint.
Information Held	Medium	Medium	No	Data Audit and associated actions reviewed 12 monthly
Lawful basis for holding data	Medium	Medium	No	Data retention policy
Subject Access Requests	Low	Low	No	Policy in place