

Ashwick Parish Council

Health and Safety Policy –

Adopted: -

1. GENERAL STATEMENT

Ashwick Parish Council recognises and accepts its duty as an employer to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the health, safety and welfare at work of all its employees and any members of the public likely to be affected by its activities as a local authority.

2. THE COUNCIL

The Council will take all reasonable and practicable measure to meet this responsibility, paying particular attention to: -

- a. Provision and maintenance of premises, plant and equipment and systems of work that are safe.
- b. Providing sufficient information, instruction, training and supervision to enable all employees to identify and avoid hazards and to be able to contribute positively to their own safety and health at work, and that of others.
- c. Obtaining as and when appropriate expert technical advice on Health and Safety to assist the Clerk in fulfilling the Council's responsibilities for ensuring safe working conditions.
- d. Ensuring that regular risk assessments are carried out, with subsequent consideration and review of any necessary corrective and/or protective measures.

3. ALL EMPLOYEES

It shall be the duty of every employee while at work:-

- a. To take reasonable care for their own health and safety and of other persons who may be affected by their activities.
- b. To comply with any duty or requirement imposed by the Council or under any of the relevant statutory provision.
- c. To ensure Council equipment in their charge is properly maintained and correctly used.
- d. To identify and report hazards so that we can all contribute towards improving safety.

4. THE CLERK

It shall be the duty of the Clerk to:

- a. Maintain a central record of notified accidents.
- b. When an accident or hazardous incident occurs, to take any necessary immediate action to prevent a recurrence or further accident.
- c. To submit an accident report as soon as practicable to the Chairman and to the next meeting of the Council.

5. CONTRACTORS

Contractors are required to have their own Health and Safety Policy and to carry out a risk assessment prior to the commencement of work.

6. Use of Parish council Assets

All users of the Parish Council assets will need to have their own risk assessments in place and the council will keep a copy of the risk assessment for its own record.

Annex 1 shows the Village Hall risk assessment and associated documents as the most significant asset in the parish. **The Parish Council does not manage the village Hall, they are only custodial trustees which means they only hold the deeds. The risk assessments for the village hall are on the village hall website so a link could be put here because this is a Parish Council policy so doesn't need to included risk assessments from other organisations.**