

**Waresley-cum Tetworth PARISH COUNCIL
RISK ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT 2026**

Risk	Level	Control
Protection of physical assets	M	Parish council owns no buildings
All assets insured to £10,000 but with an excess of £100		
Street furniture: 12 Street lights 1 bollard light 4 salt bins 2 cast iron signs 1 stone seat 8 stone bollards 5 wooden bollards	M	In any case, damage to street furniture is most likely to be from vehicles, to be paid for on vehicle insurance in the best case scenario.
3 wooden seats 2 Horse & Rider signs 4 Planters 1 Traffic Mirror 1 Noticeboard MVAS Signs x 2	H	Vulnerable to vandalism Damage from traffic or vandalism
Millenium stone	L	Insured to the value of the stone but historically irreplaceable. Protected by wooden bollards.
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Listed items under responsibility of Parish Council		These items are uninsurable. All we can do is maintain and protect them. Regular checks on status and renovation when necessary.
Jubilee light	M	Protected by stone bollards and wooden bollards.
Pump by Church	H	At risk from vehicles. Protected by stone bollards. Reviewed regularly and have taken all available action.
Pump in Manor Farm Rd	L	Sheltered position
Milestone	L	Sheltered position
Cross in old Churchyard	L	Sheltered position
Old Churchyard	L	Potential risk from falling branches – Regular check
		Tree Management Plan implemented to manage removal of dead

		wood/branches Church wall repaired.
Banking	M	Bank account with Barclays
Risk of consequential loss of income	L	Insurance cover.
Potential security breach through errors by bank: 1. Reluctance to change contact address on change of clerk 2. Cheque card sent to a parish councillor	L	Bank's performance to be reviewed next year and if necessary consider change of bank.
Loss of cash through theft or dishonesty	L	Receipts issued
Financial controls and records	M	All transactions approved in parish council meetings and minuted. Two signatories on cheques. Internal and external audit. Cheque stubs initialled.
Comply with Customs and Excise Regulations	L	VAT claims calculated by Clerk.
Sound budgeting to underlie annual precept	M	Parish Council receives detailed budgets in late autumn. Precept derived directly from this and decided in parish council meeting.
Complying with borrowing regulations	L	Not applicable. Precept set to meet requirements, so borrowing has never been necessary.
Risks to third party, property or individuals Parish Council has responsibility for the old churchyard	M	Insurance in place. Checked regularly. Tree surgery performed recently. Gravestones not a threat as they have mainly been realigned against the perimeter and the remainder are small.

Attendees at parish council meetings		Meetings held in Village Hall. Insurance in place.
Comply with employment law	M	Membership of NALC
Comply with HMRC requirements	M	Advice from clerk, RFO & internal auditor carries out annual checks
Ensuring activities are within legal powers	M	Clerk clarifies legal position on new proposals. Legal advice to be sought where necessary.
Proper and timely reporting via the minutes	M	Council meets 4 times a year or more if required. Minutes are read and approved at the next parish council meeting. Parish Council adopted the NALC code of conduct in 2012
Proper document control	M	Legal documents held in locked filing cabinets in Village Hall storeroom. Parish council approved a model publication scheme in 2008
Registers of interests and gifts and hospitality in place	L	All parish councillors have completed register of interests

This risk management paper to be considered by the Parish Council at the meeting on 21st May, 2026 and to be reviewed again in twelve months.

Richard Jerman, Chairman