

Health and Safety Policy

Parwich Parish Council (PPC) is committed to ensuring that Health and Safety is a priority in everything that we do.

Of paramount importance is the safety of our residents, visitors (general public) and also contractors working on our behalf.

We will not make decisions that we believe will adversely affect the environment in which we live. We will consider the environmental impact of the things we do.

In promoting good Health and Safety we will ensure that we take the necessary safety precautions when organising events, completing community tasks (such as village clean-ups) or arranging for contract work to be completed.

Risk assessments will be prepared in line with the requirements of the Council's Insurance policy.

Risk assessments and safety guidelines for events organised by PPC shall be posted on the Parish Council Website, prior to the event taking place.

Volunteers wishing to carry out maintenance, on Parish Council land, which may involve significant risk, should notify the Council in advance. They will be asked to co-operate with the preparation of suitable measures to manage the safety of the public and themselves.

This request is not intended to affect activities such as litter picking, light gardening or simple repairs using domestic hand tools. In such cases the risks are low and individuals are expected to take suitable responsibility for the safety of themselves and others. The Clerk may be approached for guidance if required.

PPC will ensure that any contractors working on our behalf will have supplied the necessary HSE information and assessments before being allowed to perform any given task. The level of detail required for each contract will be proportionate to the risks and the size of the task being undertaken.

However, as a minimum, each and every contract will require the completion of a risk assessment. The responsibility for the completion and supply of this risk assessment lies with the contractor, not the council.

Contractors should themselves:

- Work within Health, Safety and Environmental laws
- Wear the necessary protective equipment required for the task
- Have the necessary training, knowledge and competence to perform the task
- Ensure they maintain suitable risk controls to protect members of our community and the public at large, during the contract works.

- Retain the necessary insurances for the tasks being performed.

Contractors who are not able to fulfil the above requirements will not be permitted to work on behalf of the council.

Contractors working unsafely will be asked to stop working immediately. If it is clear that they cannot perform the task safely then their contract will be terminated.

The council welcome any comments that you believe will improve the Health, Safety and Environment, please email your suggestions to clerk@parwichparishcouncil.org.uk.