

St Cuthbert Without Parish Council

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Agenda Item 101

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RISK MANAGEMENT AND LIABILITIES

Background

At the meeting on 24 January 2019, the Parish Council resolved to put in place a range of risk management practices. This report updates on action to-date and matters that need to be addressed.

Inspections by Clerk

The Clerk has done two inspections (using inspection checklists) on 23 February 2019 and 22 March 2019. She is happy to continue to do this and the following are her key comments on her findings:

Wragmire Moss – needs a sign about it being private land/ no trespassing and fly tipping with contact details for the Parish Council . There is evidence of fly tipping and also of dog and (perhaps) other walking. It looks as if there may have been a sign but it is completely rotted. The Moss is an excellent carbon sink for the Parish.

Resolve to purchase a new sign and install on existing pole.

Blackwell Common Play Area – the Clerk is not qualified to do inspections and has only done them once a month. The Chairman (who is qualified) was going to do the inspections but unfortunately has not been well. This identified the need to have an additional person/s qualified who could do inspections when the other person is unable to do so. The inspections also need to be done on a more frequent basis. A checklist exists for the inspections which is what the Clerk has been using.

Resolve who could fulfil this role and arrange appropriate training.

Inspections of Woodland/Trees – the Clerk has some experience of woodlands (but is not qualified). However she has checked trees and woodlands and did so on 23 February and again on 22 March (just after the last extreme weather event). She did not identify (by sight/sound) any major risks.

Note Clerk's report.

The Clerk has also reviewed the tender documentation used for the last woodland inspection by qualified Arboricultural Consultants and recommends using that documentation to seek quotes for an inspection in 2019/20. The only addition she would recommend would be to ask advice about any implications for liabilities and managing risk assessment. A copy of proposed tender documentation will be available at the meeting.

Resolve whether to accept the Clerk's recommendations and if so, instruct Clerk to action and bring report to next meeting on outcome of tender exercise.

Hazel Broatch
Clerk