

POTTERS PURY PARISH COUNCIL - RISK ASSESSMENT - 2025-2026 APRIL 2026

Item	Hazard	Probability 1-5	Impact 1-5	Mitigation 1-5	Risk	Management of risk	Responsibility	Deadline	Checked by	Initials	Date Checked
RECEIPTS											
1	Precept	Not prepared	1	5	4	0.31	Prepare in time	Finance Working Group (FWG)	Dec	Clerk	
2	Precept	Not submitted	2	5	4	0.63	Check submission made on time.	Clerk	January	Chairman	
3	Precept	Not received	1	5	4	0.31	Check bank statement.	Clerk	April	Chairman	
4	VAT	Refund claim not submitted	2	3	4	0.38	Ensure claim made at least half yearly.	Clerk	Mar/Sep	FWG	
5	VAT	Not recovered	1	2	4	0.13	Check bank statement, confirm to Council.	Clerk	May/Nov	Chairman	
PAYMENTS											
6	Budgets	Expenditure higher than forecast	3	3	4	0.56	Monthly budget report	Clerk / FWG	Monthly	Chairman	
7	Budgets	Fraud, negligence	1	4	4	0.25	Monthly budget report	FWG	Monthly	Chair FWG	
8	Budgets	Extravagance	2	4	4	0.50	Monthly budget report	FWG	Monthly	Chair FWG	
9	Clerk's salary & expenses	Eroneous claim and/or payment	2	3	4	0.38	Check payment and expenses claims	IFCC	Monthly	Chairman	
10	Income Tax PAYE (if applic)	Eroneous calculation	2	3	4	0.38	Outsourced	IFCC	Monthly	Chairman	
11	Other payments	Irregular	2	4	4	0.50	Budget control	IFCC	Monthly	Chair FWG	
OTHER FINANCIAL											
12	Bank Accounts	Bank error	2	3	4	0.38	Check bank statements monthly	Clerk & IFCC	Monthly	Chair FWG	
13	Bank Accounts	Fraud	1	4	3	0.44	Examination of statements and bank reconciliation	Clerk & IFCC	Monthly	Chair FWG	
14	Staff irregularity	Fraud	1	5	3	0.56	Examination of statements and bank reconciliation	IFCC	Monthly	Chair FWG	
15	Staff irregularity	Fraud	1	5	3	0.56	Fidelity Guarantee	FWG	Monthly	Chairman	
16	Property, assets	Loss, damage	2	5	4	0.63	Physical checks by Councillors and reports.	Councillors	Monthly	Chair/Clerk	
17	Property, assets	Loss, damage	2	5	3	1.11	Insurance policy	Clerk	1st May	FWG	
18	Property, assets	Inadequate reserves against replacement	2	3	4	0.38	Adequate reserves for emergencies and ability to raise further funds	FWG	December	Chairman	
19	Contract discrepancies	Claim against Parish Council	2	4	3	0.89	Appropriate checks undertaken	FWG, outsourced as approp	As required	Chairman	
20	Contract discrepancies	Claim by Parish Council	2	3	3	0.67	Appropriate checks undertaken	FWG, outsourced as approp	As required	Chairman	
21	Third party injury, eg accident on PC-owned premises	Claim against PC	3	5	4	0.94	Public Liability insurance	Clerk & FWG	1st May	Chairman	
22	Insurances, including Fidelity, in accordance with schedule	Not renewed	1	5	4	0.31	Annual insurance check	Clerk & FWG	1st May	Chairman	
NON FINANCIAL											
23	Staff	Loss of Clerk	2	5	3	1.11	Handover notes, contacts lists, clear records	Personnel Committee	As required	Chairman	
24	Staff	Inappropriate action by Clerk	1	4	4	0.25	Ensure Clerk is adequately trained	Personnel Committee	Ongoing	Chairman	
25	Aggression	Aggressive behaviour against PC member(s) by e.g. parishioner	2	3	3	0.67	Village ethics	Chairman	Ongoing	Council	
26	Aggression	Aggressive behaviour by PC member(s)	2	4	3	0.89	Training. Code of Conduct	Council	Ongoing	Chairman	
27	Parish Council's reputation	Loss of parishioners' trust	1	5	4	0.31	Village ethics	Council	Ongoing	Chairman	
28	Councillor's skills & knowledge	Lack of compliance with regulations & procedures by Councillors.	3	4	3	1.33	Adequate training. Awareness of Standing Orders. Code of Conduct. Financial Regulations, etc.	Council	Ongoing	Chairman	
29	Councillors' decisions/actions	Inappropriate decisions or actions	3	5	3	1.67	Adequate training. Awareness of Standing Orders. Code of Conduct. Financial Regulations, etc.	Clerk	Ongoing	Chairman	
30	Inability to find new councillors	Council unable to fulfil obligations	4	3	3	1.33	Advertisement, communication, involvement with the community	Clerk & Councillors	Ongoing	Chairman	
31	Loss of records	No memory of previous actions, decisions etc	3	4	2	3.00	Paper to be kept in safe place, ie metal cabinet. Cloud	Clerk	Ongoing	Chairman	
32	Loss of meeting place	Nowhere to meet	1	2	4	0.13	Seek alternative suitable room.	Clerk	Ongoing	Chairman	

Adopted by Parish Council: 13th April 2011
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 14th May 2014, 13th May 2015, 9th
 March 2016, 10th May 2017, 9th May
 2018, 8th May 2019, 13th May 2020,
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 2023, 10 April 2024, 12 February
 2025, 11 February 2026