

Matlaske Parish Council Risk Management Policy

About the Council

Matlaske Parish Council is a small parish council as defined by the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. The Council has varying activities and functions and is currently insured through Ansvar Insurance and is due for renewal 21st July 2026. Policy Number ACY 2425867

The contact details for the insurers are:

Ansvar Insurance, Ansvar House, St Leonards Road, East Sussex, BN21 3UR
Telephone number 0345 602099 or 01323 737541
Email Ansvar.insurance@ansvar.co.uk

The Clerk retains the insurance file and will deal with all matters relating to risk and insurance. This is detailed in the Clerk's Job Description and supported by 'Governance and Accountability'. The Council supports the Clerk in this role by providing training opportunities. The Council agrees the Risk Management Policy which is reviewed every year.

Main Actions in relation to risk management

- ✓ The Asset Register is updated during the course of the year by the Clerk.
- ✓ Risk assessments (Health and Safety) are written and updated by the Clerk where appropriate, or another designated body. Copies of risk assessments are retained.
- ✓ The Council reviews the Insurance Policy prior to renewal.
- ✓ Financial Risk Assessments are carried out by the Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer, as required.
- ✓ Documentation is kept safely and securely.
- ✓ The Council reviews its systems of Internal Control at least annually.

The Risks identified for the Council

Risks	Likelihood v Impact = Risk Rating	Mitigation	By what means	Action
Operational				
Staff (Clerk)	High - Accident at work - Sickness - Terminates employment	Employer's Liability in place Lone Worker's Policy Adequate Working Balance Adequate Working Balance	Insurance Policy Budgeted	Clerk and Council
Members of the public attending meetings	Low - Accident - Incident	Public Liability Insurance Visual Inspection – recorded Standing Orders in place	Insurance Policy Village Hall Chairman / Committee or Council	Clerk VH Chairman / Committee
Contractors	Medium Public accident	Public Liability Insurance Contractors own Public Liability	Insurance Policy Council and Contractor (£10 million)	Clerk

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Financial				
Cash flow and end of year balance	Medium	Budget prepared Budget Monitoring document provided to members Reserve funds allocated Fidelity Guarantee in place Internal Controls in place	Clerk / RFO Insurance Policy Policies reviewed annually	Council to agree and review
Audit challenges	Medium	Audit control policies in place and reviewed	Clerk / RFO	Council to agree and review
Data Protection	Medium	DPO appointed Clerk and Councillors trained Data Protection Policy adopted	Clerk / RFO Clerk / Councillors Council	Council to agree and review

Date agreed: March 2026

Date to be reviewed: March 2027