

WOOLMER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY

GENERAL STATEMENT

1. Woolmer Green Parish Council recognises and accepts its responsibilities as an employer for providing a safe and healthy working environment for all its employees, contractors, voluntary helpers and others who may be affected by the activities of the Council.
2. The Council will meet its responsibilities under the **Health and Safety at Work Etc Act 1974**, and will provide, as far as is reasonably practicable, the resources necessary to fulfil this commitment.
3. The Council will seek as and when appropriate, expert technical advice on Health and Safety to fulfil the Council's responsibilities for ensuring safe working conditions.

AIMS OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK POLICY

To provide as far as is reasonably practicable:

1. A safe place of work and a safe working environment.
2. Arrangements for considering, reporting and reviewing matters of Health and Safety at work, including regular risk assessments.
3. Systems of work that are safe and without risks to health.
4. Obtaining specialist technical advice and assistance on matters of Health and Safety when necessary.
5. Sufficient information, instruction and training for employees, contractors and voluntary helpers to carry out their work safely.
6. Care and attention to the health, safety and welfare of employees, contractors, voluntary helpers and members of the public who may be affected by the council's activities

ARRANGEMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CARRYING OUT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY AT WORK

The Parish Council shall:

1. Keep informed of relevant Health and Safety policy legislation.
2. Make effective arrangements to implement the Health and Safety at Work Policy.
3. Ensure that matters of Health and Safety are regularly discussed at meetings of the Parish Council.
4. Ensure that regular risk assessments are carried out and reviewed when necessary. Consider requesting contractors to supply a written method statement prior to starting major works.
5. Make effective arrangements to ensure that contractors or voluntary helpers working for the Council comply with all reasonable Health and Safety at Work requirements.

6. Ensure that work activities by the Council do not unreasonably jeopardise the health and safety of members of the public.
7. Maintain a central record of notified accidents.
8. When an accident or hazardous incident occurs, take immediate action to prevent a recurrence or further accident and to complete the necessary accident reporting procedure.

All employees, contractors and voluntary helpers will:

1. Cooperate fully with the aims and requirements of the Health and Safety at Work Policy.
2. Take reasonable care for their own Health and Safety, to use appropriate personal protective clothing and ensure that appropriate First Aid materials are available.
3. Take reasonable care for the Health and Safety of other people who may be affected by their activities.
4. Not misuse any equipment, tools or materials so as to cause risks to Health and Safety.
5. Report any accidents or hazardous incidents to the Clerk.

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