

## **Risk assessment template**

Company name: Hollesley Parish Council – New Cemetery Maintenance (carried out by Mr George Collins (GC))

Assessment carried out by: Judi Hallett, Clerk to Hollesley Parish Council

Date of next review: 01/03/2025

Date assessment was carried out: 01/03/2024

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| Grass Cutting<br>Machine Tips Over                                  | Visiting members<br>of the public<br>GC   | GC places notice on<br>Cemetery Gates to<br>indicate<br>maintenance is in<br>progress   | <ul><li>GC to inform family member of expected working hours</li><li>GC to carry working mobile phone at all times</li><li>GC to have First Aid Kit easily to hand at all times</li></ul> | GC                                 | At all times                        |      |
| Tree branches<br>falling and<br>damaging<br>overhead power<br>lines | Visiting members<br>of the public<br>GC<br>Residents who are<br>supplied electricity<br>from this line. | Tree branches that<br>overhung the<br>electric cable which<br>run through the<br>cemetery have been<br>clipped back by the<br>electricity board | Tree Survey was requested but wrong<br>location Surveyed. Second Survey to<br>be organised by Clerk   | Parish Clerk                       | May 2024                            |      |



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| Lone contractor<br>working on<br>maintenance tasks<br>could be injured or<br>become ill carrying<br>out his duties | GC<br>Visiting Members<br>of the public | Lone Contractor<br>safe working<br>practise includes<br>telling his wife when<br>he starts the tasks<br>and when he<br>finishes the task.<br>Health and safety<br>policy updated to<br>reflect the<br>requirements for<br>contractors working<br>alone | None  | None                                     | None                          |      |
| Cutting the grass<br>in the New<br>Cemetery throws<br>stones or glass up<br>and could injure a<br>person           | Visiting Member of<br>the public<br>GC  | Contractor ensure<br>the safety guards on<br>the machine are<br>correctly positioned<br>Notice is attached<br>on the cemetery<br>gate requesting<br>members of the<br>public not to enter<br>the cemetery while<br>the task is being<br>completed.     | None  | None                                     | None                          |      |



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| Accident when<br>using Hedge<br>Trimmer                        | Visiting members of the public |  | Equipment fitted with safety cut off switch.  | Clerk                                    | At all times                        |      |
|  | GC                             |  | Gloves, overalls, ear defenders and visors provided and used by GC.   |  |                                     |      |
|  |                                |  | GC trained in correct use and storage of PPE.   |  |                                     |      |
| Hedge Trimmer<br>causes vibration<br>injury or hearing<br>loss | GC                             |  | Gloves, overalls, ear defenders and visors provided and used by GC.   | Clerk                                    | At all times                        |      |
|  |                                |  | GC instructed not to use Hedge Cutter for more than an hour at a time   |  |                                     |      |
| Fall from Height<br>when using Hedge<br>Trimmer                | GC                             |  | GC instructed not to work on a ladder<br>unless other trained personnel are<br>involved in the operation and are<br>providing support | Clerk                                    | At all times                        |      |
|  |                                |  | Gloves, overalls, ear defenders and visors provided and used by GC  |  |                                     |      |
| Fire when refuelling   | GC                             |  | Strick no smoking policy  | Clerk                                    | At all times                        |      |
| machinery  |                                |  | GC visually inspect work areas to<br>minimise slip and trip hazards,<br>removing any hazards as appropriate                           |  |                                     |      |



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| Accident occurs<br>when clearing a<br>blockage from a<br>piece of equipment | GC                     |  | Mowers/strimmer fitted with safety cut<br>off devices.<br>Operatives wear safety loves/goggles<br>when carrying out this duty.<br>Equipment is switched off. | Clerk                                    | At all times                        |      |
| Headstone topples<br>over on to Mr<br>Collins                               | GC                     | Stones are checked<br>in a quinquennial<br>Inspection  | Diarise to arrange for inspection  | Clerk                                    | April 2024                          |      |

Adopted by Hollesley Parish Council on: 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024

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