

Little Rissington Parish Council Risk Register - likelihood etc

Reviewed and approved at May Meeting 2026 Itemxx

Assessment Scoring: 1 = low; 2 = low/medium; 3 = medium/high; 5 = high

Activity	Risk	Cause	Effect	Likelihood	Severity	Score	Actions
1. Finances							
	Sudden large expenditure required or excessive under budgeting	Unforeseen problem / Poor budgeting	Service not provided. Lack of confidence in council. Inability to carry out functions. Insufficient funds for contingencies	2	3	5	Council has some reserves. Insurance in place to cover major risks. Careful budget planning and review of adequate reserves at budget planning time in November
	Fraud	Inadequate controls	Loss of funds	1	5	6	Annual internal & external audit (if income/expenditure is greater than £25,000). Bank balances reported at every meeting with bank reconciliation. Internal audit control policy adopted by Council and audits to take place twice a year by councillors. (See internal audit policy for detail.) Cheques signed by 2 councillors once payments have been approved by the Parish Council.
2. Contractors							
	Contractors not supplying services	Unavailable due to illness, poor weather	Poor Services	2	4	6	Contracts are defined. Contracts are informally monitored by Clerk & Councillors. Corrective action taken as required
3. Records							
	Loss of Parish Council records and archives	Fire, Flood, theft		2	4	6	Most records now held digitally in the cloud as well as on the website. Lodge any archived records with Gloucestershire County Council's Archives Office

4. Parish Council records and archives							
	Loss of documents on Clerk's computer	Computer crash, fire, theft, flood	Loss of records	2	5	7	Most now held digitally in the cloud as well as on the website. Back-up copies on portable memory stick. Minutes on the website, and copied to all councillors. Signed hard copies filed and scanned. Policies held on parish council website.
5. Clerk to the Parish Council							
	Unavailability	Resignation, illness	Work to of the Parish Council can not be carried out	2	5	7	Urgent work carried out by the Chairman and other Councillors. Contact GAPTC about availability of temporary cover. OneDrive enables the Parish Council to access files and work in case of emergencies.
6. Meeting place							
	Accommodation unavailable for meetings	Damage to Village Hall	Meeting room unavailable	1	2	3	Use nearby village hall or similar amenity e.g. Upper Rissington, Greater Rissington
7. Vacancies							
	Vacancies on council	Resignation, retirement, insufficient nominations at elections	Meetings cannot be held due to not being quorate	2	5	7	Identify on an unofficial basis local residents who might be interested in becoming councillors.
8. Assets							
	Damage	Vandalism, Accident, Storms	High cost of repair. Loss of Assets. Disruption. Damage to public property or person	2	2	4	Insurance Cover. Maintain up-to-date register of assets. Regular maintenance of physical assets. Annual review of risk and condition of assets and adequacy of insurance cover.

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