

Walsham le Willows Parish Council

Pavement Sweeper and Litter Picker Operative

Activity:	Grass Cutting – Strimmer / Mowers	Assessment By: Parish Clerk	Date assessed: 14/12/2020
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Activity	Hazards	Who might be harmed	Risk Level (H, M, L)	Controls	Residual Risk Level (H, M, L)
Contact with parishioners in the street	Coronavirus	Operative and general public.	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow all current government advice (https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/) with regard to preventing transmission of Coronavirus specifically: Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth if at all possible whilst working. Ensure that you maintain the prescribed social distance from people passing in the street. Sanitise hands before eating or drinking – preferably delay consumption of food/drink until after work finished. Wash hands immediately after finishing work. 	M

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<p>Sweeping and disposal of sweepings</p> <p>Use of equipment</p>	<p>Injury from moving vehicles.</p> <p>Poor visibility</p> <p>Manoeuvring of refuse and other equipment cart close to carriageway</p>	Operative and general public.	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only sweep pavements not the roads or gutters. Ensure hi-vis jacket is worn at all times Only work in day light hours and with good visibility. Ensure weather conditions are taken into consideration with regard to reduced visibility for the picker and drivers. Do not attempt to work on areas with no pavement or where the pavement is too narrow for the refuse cart. Take extra care on road bends and try to avoid working during busy traffic periods when on main thoroughfares through the village. Work facing the traffic flow as much as possible. Refuse cart always on pavements, unless crossing the road. 	L

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Crossing road with equipment	Back/lifting issues		M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure all equipment stacked on cart before crossing road, both hands on cart and alert to traffic when crossing the road. 	L
Manual handling			M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only collect and remove light weight items such as bottles, wrappers etc. Do not lift any item if it cannot easily be done so using a Litter pick stick or the shovel. Do not attempt to lift heavy objects Do not over refuse fill bags before lifting 	L

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Any activity in adverse weather conditions	<p>Working in low light conditions.</p> <p>Working in, frosty or icy conditions.</p> <p>Sun exposure / Hypothermia</p> <p>Slips Trips and Falls Uneven Pavements / Potholes</p>	Operative	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure hi-vis jacket is worn at all times • Take extra care in extreme cold or extreme hot weather. • Wear a hat in cold weather for warmth and in hot weather to prevent heat stroke. • Cover exposed skin to prevent sunburn • Wear suitable clothing: waterproof in wet weather and light weight clothing in warm weather • Have ready access to hot/cold drinks • Wear appropriate footwear • Be aware when working on uneven/potholed pavements and report latter to Parish Clerk 	L
Encountering Soiled clothing & broken glass	Cuts, infection and contamination.	Operative and general public	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items should not be handled • Use litter pick sticks or brush and shovel for every removal • Observe personal hygiene after litter picking and before eating, drinking or smoking by washing hands or using wipes • Always wear supplied gloves 	L

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Encountering Syringes (sharps) and/or drug paraphernalia/asbestos	Wounding by sharp, contaminated implement.		L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not attempt to collect syringes, sharps or any substance/item you suspect might be asbestos in any circumstances Familiarise with what drug paraphernalia and asbestos looks like by referring to the safe system of work Locations of drug paraphernalia/asbestos should be passed to public realm for removal public.realm@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk 	L
Encountering Unidentified chemicals/liquids in containers	Bottles could leak and break open when picked up causing the liquid within to come into contact with skin		L	Operative should pinpoint location of any dead animals and these should be passed to public realm for removal public.realm@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk	L
Encountering Dead animals	Contamination from rotting corpse				
Any - Insect stings/bites	Stings/bites		L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not disturb insect nests and/or nests 	L

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Any - Lone working	Problem occurring when working alone		M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carry a mobile phone for emergency purposes Save the contact telephone number of the Parish Clerk Additionally save numbers of other Parish Councillors 	L
Storing Equipment	Loss of equipment.	Parish Council	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Store equipment Parish Council shed and lock using the combination padlock. Advise Parish Clerk of any equipment that needs replacing or repairing. 	L
Any	Lack of Awareness of Risks and safety training		H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe system of work notes and risk assessment to be shared with operative along with any other training required Operative should sign to say they have read and understood both this risk assessment and safe system of work. 	L

To be completed by the Parish Clerk or another responsible person	I confirm I have provided a copy of this risk assessment to the person named below.	
	Signed:	

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