

WEST HALTON & COLEBY PARISH COUNCIL

HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

**GENERAL STATEMENT**

West Halton and Coleby 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.

The Council will meet its responsibilities under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, and will provide, as far as is reasonably practicable, the resources necessary to fulfil this commitment.

The Council will seek, as and when appropriate, expert technical advice on Health and Safety to assist the Clerk in fulfilling the Council's responsibilities for ensuring safe working conditions

**AIMS OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY**

To provide as far as is reasonably practicable;

A safe place of work and a safe working environment.

Arrangements for considering, reporting and reviewing matters of Health and Safety at work, including regular risk assessments of working activities.

Systems of work that are safe and without risks to health

Obtaining specialist technical advice and assistance on matters of Health and Safety when necessary

Sufficient information, instruction and training for employees, contractors and voluntary helpers to carry out their work safely

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**

As the Council's Safety Officer, the Clerk will:

Keep informed of relevant health and safety legislation

Advise the Council on the resources and arrangements necessary to fulfil the Council's responsibilities under the Health and Safety Policy

Make effective arrangements to implement the Health and Safety Policy

Ensure that matters of health and safety are regularly discussed at meetings of the Parish Council

Ensure that regular risk assessments are carried out of working practices and facilities, with subsequent consideration and review of any necessary corrective/protective measures. Maintain a file of risk assessments, summarised in the minutes

Make effective arrangements to ensure those contractors or voluntary helpers working for the Council comply with all reasonable health and safety requirements. All contractors will be required to abide by the terms of the contractors' service level agreement and specified scope of work and will be given a copy of the Council's Health & Safety Policy

Ensure that work activities by the Council do not unreasonably jeopardise the health and safety of members of the public

Maintain a central record of notified accidents

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

Act as the contact and liaison point for the Health and Safety Executive

**All employees, contractors and voluntary helpers will:**

Cooperate fully with the aims and requirements of the Council's Service Agreement for Contractors and Health and Safety Policy

Comply with Codes of Practice or work instructions for health and safety

Take reasonable care for their own health and safety, to use appropriate personal protective clothing and, where appropriate, ensure that appropriate first aid materials are available

Take reasonable care for the health and safety of other people who may be affected by their activities

Not intentionally interfere with or remove safety guards, safety devices or other equipment provided for health and safety

Not misuse any plant, equipment tools or materials

Report any accidents or hazardous incidents to the Clerk

Signed *Charles Dent*

Position CHAIR

Date 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 original signed copy held on file