**DRAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**RISK ASSESSMENT – VERGE TRIMMING 2018**

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| **Hazard** | **Risk of hazard occurring** | **Persons affected** | **Controls to minimise risk** |
| Ignition of fuel leading to fire, explosion or skin burns, especially during re-fuelling | Low | Operator  Occupant of property where equipment stored | * No smoking allowed. * Equipment refuelled outdoors using funnel. * Petrol keg and fuel tank securely capped after use. * Safe filling instructions and training provided. |
| Injury from contact with moving parts | High | Operator & team members. | * Equipment serviced annually by competent person. * Guards and their fixings checked by operator before and after every use. Council notified if maintenance required. * Team instructions include safe system of work. These emphasise rollover risks and associated precautions. * Operators trained not to put hand in chute and not to place hands underneath to lift unit. |
| Road traffic incident whilst moving equipment from place to place. | Medium | Operator & team members. | * All road movements have second person to watch the road. * Operator trained not to drive **across** gradients to reduce rollover risk. * Hi vis garments /tabards made available to all team members. |
| Strain injury whilst operating equipment. | High | Operator & team members | * Team instructions include correct techniques for manual handling of equipment. * Minimum 2 people in team, to cope with occasional need for manhandling after rollover for example. |

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| **Hazard** | **Risk of hazard occurring** | **Persons affected** | **Controls to minimise risk** |
| Road traffic incident whilst mowing or strimming. | High | Operator, team members, passing pedestrian, cyclists. | * Team wear hi vis tabard or garments. * One member of team always on lookout duty. * Strimmer operators stand on grass verge, not the road, to strim. |
| Accident caused by Operator with insufficient knowledge. | High | Team members, passing pedestrians, cyclists. | All team members receive written instructions in equipment operation (including safe system of work) and a copy of this risk assessment. |
| Eye injury from flying particles or from low hanging twigs | High | Team members, especially strimmer operators from flying particles; and mower drivers from low hanging twigs | * Team members wear safety specs. * Protruding twigs at mower’s eye level trimmed before mowing, as a separate start-of-season precaution. |
| Hearing damage from motor noise | Medium | Strimmer operators | Strimmer operators wear ear plugs |

I confirm that I have received a copy of this Risk Assessment and Equipment Operating Instructions (including safe systems of work), that I have understood them and will follow the advice they contain:

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