**Stanton Parish Council Cemetery - Risk Assessment**

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| **Activity** | **Potential Hazards** | **Risks posed** | **Control Measures** | **Risk Level High (H), Medium (M), Low (L)** | **Additional measures** |
| Driving – Lawn mowers, hearses, funeral vehicles, mechanised diggers, Contractors vehicles | Accidents from moving vehicles | Injury to operatives or members of the public | Only authorised vehicles allowed in the Cemetery (ie those required at the time of a burial or to prepare for the same) | **L** | Contractors or Funeral Directors will be responsible for their own risk assessment to protect their employees and members of the public |
| Operating equipment i.e. Grass and hedge cutting and mechanised diggers | Fire or operating accidents | Injury from burns/cuts/foreign bodies in eyes/smoke inhalation or ingestion/cuts and scratches | The Parish Council employs reliable and competent contractors and grave diggers and uses Funeral Directors who are members of the National Association of Funeral Directors | **L** | Contractors or Funeral Directors will be responsible for their own risk assessment to protect their employees and members of the public |
| Excavations/ grave digging  | Falling, tripping, injuries to back, sprains, strains, musco-skeletal injuries, cuts, bruises.Infectious disease control | Injury to members of the public and employees of contractors. | The Parish Council has appointed a preferred supplier (Gary Smith) to ensure competency is maintained for all graves. | **L** | The preferred supplier (Gary Smith) will be responsible for his own risk assessment to protect members of the public in accordance with the signed agreement. |
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| Burial or internment Service | Falling, tripping, sprains, strains, injuries, cuts, bruises from falling on uneven ground. | Injury to members of the public, Clergy and employees of funeral directors | The Parish Council uses Funeral Directors who are members of the National Association of Funeral Directors | **L** | Contractors or Funeral Directors will be responsible for their own risk assessment to protect their employees and members of the public during a burial service |
| Memorial Inspection | Cuts, bruises or crush injuries | Injury to members of the public, Clergy, contractors and employees of funeral directors. | Memorials to be hand checked once every 5 years by qualified personnel of West Suffolk Council or any future Council starting in 2021 (First memorial erected 2016) | **M** | Parish Council to make arrangements with West Suffolk Council or any future Council when due |
| Weed killing | Chemical burns/breathing problems | Injury to members of the public, Clergy, contractors and employees of funeral directors. | The Parish Council ensures that this function is carried out professionally by competent contractors | **L** | Parish Council to delegate this to appointed grass cutting contractors who will be liable for their own COSHH assessment |
| Covid 19 precautions | Risk of spreading Covid-19 amongst mourners who have gathered to pay their respects. | Serious illness or death | The funeral director is responsible for ensuring that each funeral adheres to the current COVID 19 Guidance for managing a Funeral during the Coronavirus Pandemic | **M** | Parish Council to remind Funeral Directors of their responsibilities when a notice of Interment has been received |