

REPORT TO PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL

3rd March 2020

AGENDA ITEM 8.6 RISK ASSESSMENT FOR COUNCIL PROPERTIES

1 Report

1.1 Your Council accepted the initial draft detailed risk assessment for various parts of the Council's property ownership in November 2019 and also agreed the establishment of a small working group to consider and make recommendations on the elements identified as requiring further consideration. Further work has been done and the following outstanding item has been resolved:

- Mains electrical survey – Village Hall – a survey has been carried out, the urgent items referred to in the survey have been dealt with through the replacement of the consumer unit and related wiring alterations, and various small scale works to other electrical installations.

1.2 Further investigation has taken place on several matters. On the question of whether it is desirable for a periodic risk assessment survey to be carried out of the Council's land (principally the IROS, but also the play area, the sites on Clover Drive and indeed the land attached to the Village Hall), the indications received are that this should indeed be done. Two possible options are either for a member of the Council to be responsible for undertaking such inspections perhaps on an annual or six monthly basis – simply to identify any clear and obvious H&S issues on the sites in question – or alternatively the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) has indicated that it could carry out such a survey; it has suggested a price of £460 + vat (£415 + vat for RoSPA members) for such a survey of just the IROS and lakeside.

1.3 Further work is proceeding on other outstanding elements of the risk assessment.

2 Recommendation

2.1 That the report be noted, that members consider how to deal with the land inspection aspect, and that further work be done to deal with issues remaining outstanding.

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