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2011 Review of Financial Risk Assessment

General

The annual review of the Parish Council's Financial Risk Assessment is now due. The review is carried out under the following headings:

- Parish Assets
- The PC's annual Insurance policy cover
- Long Term Investments

Parish Assets

No new assets were acquired during the last financial year. The Council's Insurance policy identifies the insured value of each asset, allowing for cost inflation specific to the type of asset. Following analysis and detailed discussion last year, it was agreed that the restoration of the War Memorial which was funded through the Parish Council, by public subscription, was a fixture at St Helen's Church and was included in the Church's own assets which were covered by its own Insurance Policy. It was agreed that the War Memorial would not be added to the Parish Council's own asset register nor covered by the Council's Insurance Policy.

No changes are therefore proposed to the PC's asset register.

Insurance Policy

The Parish Council was offered a new policy in 2010, which provided improved cover at reduced cost, with AVIVA. The policy was purchased through a specialist broker Came & Co, who was recommended by the internal auditor and is used by other local Parish Councils. A three year policy was started with fixed premiums, which only increase in line with changes in asset values during the period of the policy.

The current Insurance cover is considered adequate and does not require any change.

Long Term Investment

At renewal in 2010, the interest rate offered by the Skipton Building Society for a 12 month bond, was considered inadequate. A new 12 month Capital Millenium Bond was purchased from Julian Hodge Bank Ltd with £16,000 at an interest rate of 3.15%. The interest will again be paid gross without deduction of tax.

Conclusions

There has been no increase in the financial risk for the Parish Council during the last 12 months and its investment policy involves no risk of loss of capital as this is guaranteed by the FSA.