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Document Title: Grass Cutting Risk Assessment		
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Activity:	Grass Cutting – General			Assessment By:	[Name]	
Activity	Hazards	Who might be harmed	Risk Level (H, M, L)	Controls	Residual Risk Level (H, M, L)	Comments
Access/egress site	Traffic and other road users	Staff, operatives and general public	H	Use beacons on vehicles. Wear correct PPE. Protect operatives using vehicles.	M	Should reference be made to what is the correct PPE as in other risk assessments e.g. high vis, ear and eye protection, gloves and protective footwear?
Parking Vehicle on Site	Road Traffic Accident Moving Vehicles Security	Staff, operatives & general public	L	Only competent, trained staff to perform duties. Ensure vehicle is parked safely. Assess traffic volumes and speed. Park in suitable locations:- • Park within traffic managed area or • Use car parks /on street parking, remote from site if necessary	L	
On Carriageway Works – generally rural grass cutting operations using tractor mounted equipment						

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Grass cutting near carriageways	Traffic and other road users	Staff, operatives and general public	H	Advise Clerk of any grass cutting work within parish which may require on-carriageway work To be carried out by contractors not handymen	M	Only to be carried out by contractors that are appropriately trained and insured to work to Highways standards Is this correct as I believe we are now asking Handymen to cut the grass along the footway along Mill Road?

Off Carriageway Works – generally urban grass cutting operations not encroaching the carriageway						
Site set up – off carriageway works	Traffic and other road users	Staff, operatives and general public	H	Be aware of pedestrian movements. Erect signs to warn pedestrians of grass cutting works if appropriate. Stop works if pedestrians encroach working area. Be aware of passing traffic.	L	

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				Appropriate High Visibility clothing shall be worn. Appropriate signs and flashing beacons on vehicles.		
Use of grass cutting equipment	Striking of hidden objects, stones, manhole covers etc.	Staff, operatives and general public	H	Visual check of area for any stones, raised manhole covers, old posts etc.	L	Should reference be made here to the risk of flying debris causing eye injuries?
Surface Laid Electricity Cables / Communication Cables	Electric Shock, burns, fatality / Disconnection of services	Operatives	H	Visual check of area for surface laid / shallow services prior to carrying out grass cutting works. All exposed cables to be reported to the Clerk immediately.	L	Clerk to notify appropriate organisation ASAP
Management of the equipment in the event of unexplained failure	Damage to hands, arms and feet	Operatives and general public	H	Do not attempt to access motor or cutting blades without first disengaging motor	M	Training to include evidence that operators are familiar with and follow safety systems
Management of fuel for mowers	Risk of explosion or fire	Operatives	H	Do not fill the petrol tank of the mowers without ensuring that fuel will not come into contact with hot machinery	M	Follow directions for each piece of mowing equipment
Preparation	Effect of sharp machinery	Operatives and bystanders	M	Each mower instruction/safety document to be read by operatives each spring and acknowledged in writing	L	Annual refresher on risks & hazards of equipment Should reference be made here to visual checks for any

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							defects and also to servicing the machinery?

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V1	13 April 2022	GP and The Clerk	New replacement mower purchased
V2	10 May 2022	Clerk	Annual review
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