



## Water Hygiene Policy

Adopted By DPC on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016

## 1. Introduction

Danbury Parish Council accepts its responsibility under the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulation 2002 (as amended), to take all reasonable precautions to prevent or control the harmful effects of contaminated water to staff, visitors and other persons working at or using its premises and will do its utmost to minimise this risk to the public.

## 2. Executive Summary

As required by the Health and Safety Commissions Approved Code of Practice and guidance on regulations L8 (Fourth edition) Danbury Parish Council has to:

- Identify and assess sources of risk
- Prepare a control system for preventing, reducing or controlling the risk
- Implement, manage and monitor precautions – if control measures are to remain effective, regular monitoring of the systems and control measures is essential
- Maintain suitable and sufficient records of the precautions implemented
- Appoint a competent person with sufficient authority and knowledge of the installation to help take the measures needed to comply with the law
- Review this policy regularly (at least annually) and specifically when there is reason to believe that the original policy and written scheme may no longer be valid
- Require the use of WRAS designated items in water systems wherever possible.

## 3. Policy Statement

Danbury Parish Council will provide a framework for the prevention of infection from water borne bacteria through inhalation or aspiration. This policies aim is to maintain a structured procedure and reporting schedule, for the Management and Control of Legionellosis, including Legionnaires Disease, in compliance with current legislation, guidelines and good practice. The primary defence strategy for reducing the risks posed by legionella will be through a temperature control regime.

**Duty Holder:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Duty Holder Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

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