

Colaton Raleigh Parish Council

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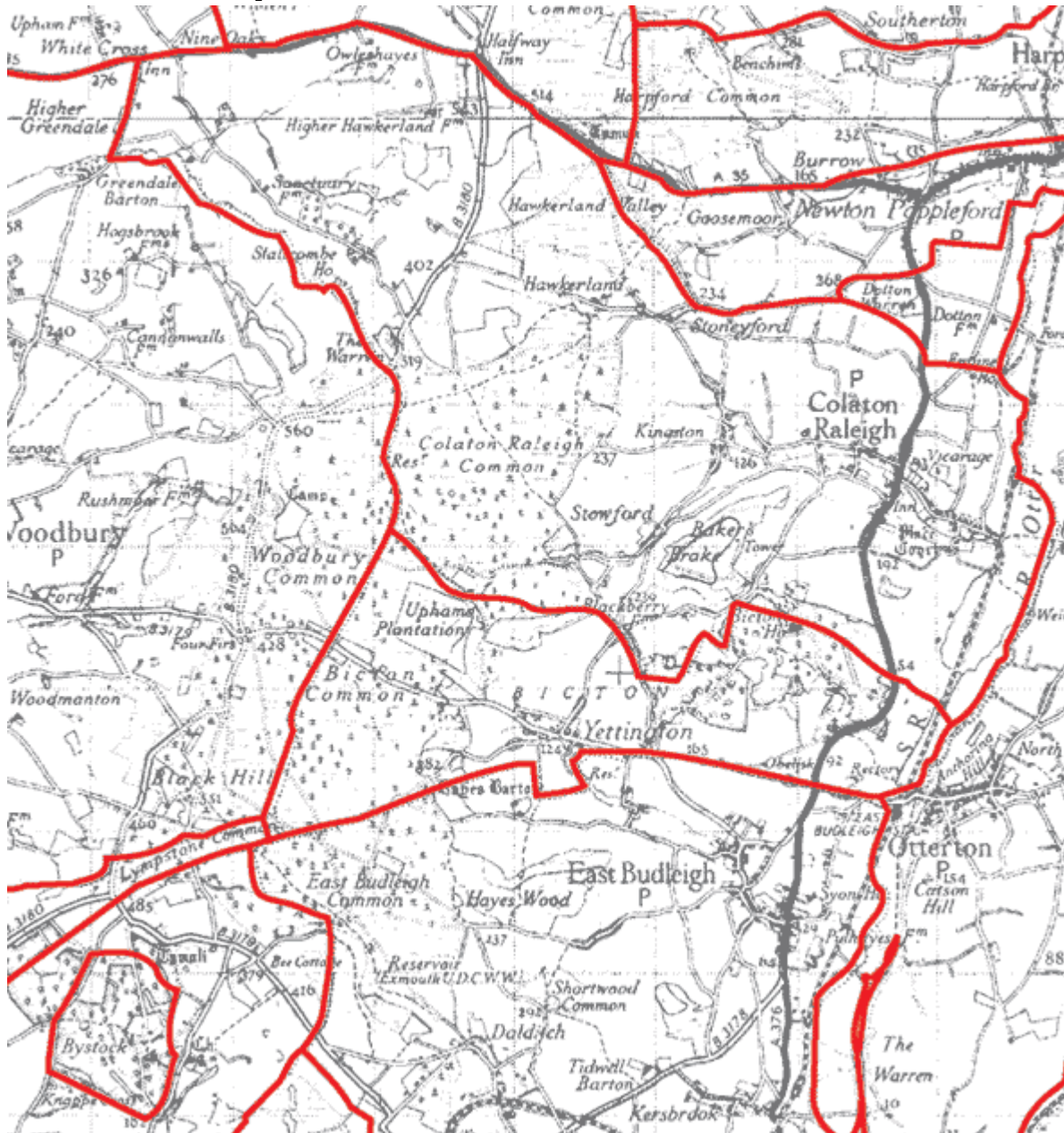
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1. Purpose

The aim of this risk assessment is to identify at a high level the possible hazards that could cause potential harm to people and property of the parish in order to prioritise preventative, mitigation and contingency actions in the parish's Emergency Plan.

2. Parish Description



Colaton Raleigh Parish is a rural parish of approximately 3300 acres bordered by the River Otter to the East, the A3752 from Newton Popleford to the White Hart public house to the North-East, and from the pub to Woodbury Common, Yettington and Otterton to the South. The Parish has a population of approximately 840 people and around 300 properties. The population increases temporarily during the holiday high-season. The majority of the population is centred in and round

the village of Colaton Raleigh to the East of the Parish. The parish also includes the small hamlets of Bystock, Blackbury, Great Grindle, Hawkerland, Kingston, Stoneyford, and Stowford.

Colaton Raleigh village consists of the primary amenities for residents including a pub with a restaurant, local shop with produce and café, village hall and church. A petrol station and associated small shop is situated on the A3752 to the North-West. The rest of the parish is largely farmland with scattered dwellings and a large expanse of pebbleheath to the West. In addition to the River Otter there is a tributary stream crossing the parish from West to East passing through the centre of the village.

3. Process

The potential hazards and associated risks are identified and reviewed by the Emergency Planning sub-committee of the Parish Council. The risk assessment is endorsed by the full council annually.

4. Risk Assessment

The following table provides the current evaluation of hazards and associated risks to the parish in descending order of harm. There is a high-level risk assessment against these hazards in appendix A.

No.	Description of Hazard (including any identified 'triggers')	Impact if Risk Occurs (Identify consequences)	Assessment of Likelihood	Assessment of Seriousness	Grade (combined Likelihood x Seriousness)
1	<i>A pandemic such as 'Bird/swine Flu'</i>	<i>Large numbers of people taken seriously ill. This could impact up to 25% of residents although is likely to be lower in the UK. (World Health Organisation estimate)</i>	4	5	20
2	<i>The stream through village causes flash flooding of houses due to high rain/snow fall.</i>	<i>Such a flood may require evacuation of people from their homes and/or preventative measures to minimise flood damage. Severe flooding could make the main road through the village impassable restricting access and increased risk of accidents or stranded vehicles causing secondary blockage of the highway making access for emergency services more difficult. Initial assessment has identified approximately 10-15 properties at high-risk directly affecting 30-40 persons. There would be a potential need for emergency shelter.</i>	4	4	16
3	<i>Extreme weather conditions such as storms and/or heavy snowfall.</i>	<i>Prolonged loss of utility or other services (e.g. provisions) causing a health risk for more vulnerable parishioners. Felled trees blocking roads or causing harm to people/property. There would be a potential need for emergency shelter.</i>	3	5	15

4	<i>Flooding of the River Otter. This is likely to occur subsequent to the top hazard.</i>	<i>Potential risk to property and people at the lower end of Church Road. There would be a potential need for emergency shelter.</i>	4	2	8
5	<i>Uncontrolled fire across heathland.</i>	<i>A large wildfire across the heathland would put x properties and Y people at risk. There would be a potential need for emergency shelter.</i>	2	3	6

Key:

Likelihood/Seriousness	1	2	3	4	5
Assessment	Very low	Low	Medium	High	Very High

5. Next Steps

The Emergency Plan will concentrate on preventative, mitigation and contingency planning with respect to the 3 highest risks identified in this assessment. The remaining risks will be monitored by the full Parish council as part of normal operating business. This assessment will be reviewed annually by the Emergency Plan sub-committee and submitted to the full council for endorsement.

Appendix A - A High-level operational risk assessment

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing, aside of Emergency Plan?	Additional action in event of hazard occurring.
<i>The stream through village causes flash flooding of houses due to high rain/snow fall.</i>	<p>Councilors, emergency team and volunteers.</p> <p>All are at risk of highway collision, slipping, drowning, and hypothermia.</p>	<p>Providing emergency grab-bags to councilors and emergency team members. Training to all above.</p> <p>Provision of emergency box in village hall and emergency shed on the Exmouth Road.</p> <p>All equipment outside of the grab bag is used at individual risk, i.e. vehicles, chain saws, etc.</p>	<p>Ensure deployment of personnel in event of hazard occurring are fully briefed at the time.</p> <p>Make sure people are deployed in pairs where appropriate.</p>
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<i>A pandemic such as 'Bird/swine Flu'</i>	<p>Councilors, emergency team and volunteers All maybe at risk of infection.</p>	<p>Emergency plan has contacts with local health responders.</p>	<p>Ensure full engagement with NHS response plan.</p>