

GDPR: BREDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL and DATA PROTECTION

The Parish Clerk and Councillors receive letters, e-mails and phone calls from people and organisations in relation to Parish matters or for consideration at Parish Council meetings. The Parish Council wishes to reassure you that it is careful with any data it receives. Any personal information, for example phone numbers and email addresses will not be divulged to a third party without the consent of the individual concerned, other than for the purpose of dealing with them. The Parish Council does not have a data base and deals only with matters that it has the power to deal with for the benefit of the Village. We are registered with the Information Commissioners Office, (Certificate number ZA059990), because the very fact of receiving e-mails, letters, or making notes of phone calls amounts to processing under GDPR.

We have adopted a Privacy Policy, which is quite simple and based on confidentiality and an Assessment of Personal Data, both of which may be found elsewhere on this website.

What is GDPR?

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is a Europe-wide law which came into force 25 May 2018. Despite the UK leaving the European Union, the law has been retained in identical form, as the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA 2018).

GDPR sets out requirements for how organisations like Parish Councils need to handle personal data. Information must be used transparently and lawfully, retaining or disclosing only what is necessary for specific purposes. Data must not be kept for longer than necessary and must be handled securely and safely.

Note: *Data Protection Officer*

Chapter 2 Section 7(3) of the DPA 2018 says that Parish Councils are ***not*** public authorities for the purposes of the GDPR. As we are not a public authority for the purposes of the GDPR then we do not need to appoint a Data Protection Officer (DPO). We are however still subject to data protection legislation, and we must ensure that we discharge our obligations under the GDPR.

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