

Privacy Statement

This sets out the type of information we collect (or are supplied with). It tells you how the information is held, who we share it with and how it is used. There are contact details for queries about your personal information. All personal data collected (or supplied) will be treated in accordance with current data protection laws in the UK.

GDPR (Data Protection Act 2018) Article 6 (1) (a) (b) and (e)

What information do we collect and what information are we supplied with?

When you contact us, we create a record in your name. To that record we add information that you give us. We keep records when you contact us. We collect and use information about Councillors and employees. We are supplied with a copy of the register of electors by the District Council. We do not sell personal information to other organisations.

If you do want to receive information about services from the Parish Council we will ask you to make this choice when you contact us.

The data controller for your personal data is Dorchester Parish Council.

How do we use your information?

We use your personal information in the following ways:

- To process enquiries and applications.
- To provide services to residents including sending you information about current and future services. This list includes mailing lists for newsletters, agendas or minutes.
- To provide certain online facilities and/or services as referred to in the terms and conditions when you sign up for those facilities or services.
- To allow other organisations to provide services to residents.
- To carry out market research to help us plan and improve our services. We may contact you ourselves or ask outside research agencies to do so on our behalf. This might be done as part of preparing a Community Plan (or Neighbourhood Plan) if we carry out a survey to find out what the community thinks.
- To produce aggregated statistical information, including data for monitoring equality of opportunity.
- To collect or process payments

Who might we share the information with?

We might share information with the District / County Council or emergency services where we consider this would be necessary or helpful. We would seek your explicit consent to this other than where such sharing was considered necessary in an emergency or for health and safety reasons.

If you write to us your letter will be in the public domain unless you make it clear you do not wish it to be and we are able to justify confidentiality under the relevant legislation (this is very unlikely to be the case in planning matters).

Your contact details may be passed to survey contractors to carry out surveys. This could be as part of a Community or Neighbourhood Planning process. These contractors will use your details only for that purpose and will then delete them.

How long do we keep data?

The Parish Council has published a Document Retention Policy and Procedure.

We will publish on our website any changes we make to our data protection/information management policies and notify you by other communication channels where appropriate. Where you exercise your right to removal of your personal data, we will continue to maintain a core set of personal data to ensure we do not contact you inadvertently in future. We may also need to retain some financial records about you for statutory purposes (e.g. anti-fraud and accounting matters). The 'right to be forgotten' is a qualified right and the public interest test will always be applied when a request for deletion of personal data is made.

How can I access the information you hold about me?

You are entitled to know what personal information the council holds about you and how that information is processed. You are entitled to ask for your personal data to be corrected where you believe it is inaccurate. You are entitled to withdraw your consent to the processing of your personal data by the council.

However, if the processing is necessary to provide you with the service (or information) you have requested then withdrawal may mean you will not receive that service or information. We will make it clear if this is the case and discuss your concerns directly with you before we stop processing your data.

Please make any requests or complaints to:

Dorchester Parish Council:

Clerk to the Council

Jenny Welham parishclerk@dorchesteronthames-pc.gov.uk

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner. There is no charge for making an appeal. Contact details are:

The Information Commissioner's Office

ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint

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