

Privacy & Data Protection Policy - Newland Parish Council Worcestershire

Newland Parish Council is committed to respecting and protecting our members' and residents' privacy. We only use the information that we collect about you lawfully in accordance with the GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018.

This Privacy Policy is to explain when and why we collect personal information, how we use it, the conditions under which we may disclose it to others, and how we keep it secure.

Any questions regarding this Policy and our privacy practices should be sent by email to newlandpc1@gmail.com

Who we are

Parish councils are statutory bodies. Members are elected for a term of four years and councils are funded principally by an annual precept. Income and expenditure for the next financial year are calculated in the form of estimates. The net amount (the precept) is added to council tax, collected by the district council (principal authority) and paid to parishes in two six-monthly instalments. Parish and town councils can apply for other funding such as grant and funding awards, but they do not receive funds directly from central government, as principal authorities do.

The people of Newland are represented by seven Parish Councillors, three District Councillors & one County Councillor. Between them, they look after the concerns of the village, including planning, highways, footpaths, and the Parish precept. The Council meets bimonthly at The Beauchamp Community.

What type of information is collected from you?

i) Parish Councillors:

On joining The Parish Council the personal information we collect includes your name, address, email address and telephone number.

ii) Members of the Public:

On contacting The Parish Council about the Parish we may collect your contact details (depending on the way you contacted us).

How is your information used?

i) Parish Councillors:

We may use your information to:

- Provide you with information relating to the Parish Council.
- send you communications which may be of interest to you.
- include on the Newland Parish Council website under the list of Parish Councillors with your permission.

ii) Members of the Public:

– to reply to your communication.

We are careful to ensure that neither the frequency nor the content of the information we send to you will harm your data security or your privacy rights.

We only obtain, use and retain personal information that is relevant to the purpose that we require it. We will delete your information when you ask us to or when we no longer have a need to retain it.

Who has access to your information?

We will not share your information with third parties.

How you can access and update your information

The accuracy of your information is important to us. If you change email address, or any of the other information we hold is inaccurate or out of date, please email us at newlandpc1@gmail.com or telephone The Parish Clerk on 07539 605118. You have the right to ask for a copy of the information.

Security precautions in place to protect the loss, misuse or alteration of your information.

Your online security is our highest priority. Non-sensitive details (your email address etc.) are transmitted normally over the Internet, and this can never be guaranteed to be 100% secure. As a result, while we strive to protect your personal information, we cannot guarantee the security of any information you transmit to us, and you do so at your own risk. Once we receive your information, we make our best effort to ensure its security on our systems.

Policy

We keep this Policy under regular review. This Policy was last updated in September 2024

Chair.....Cllr H Jeavons.....

Date.....17/09/2024.....