

Aylesford Parish Council

Freedom of Information Guide to Information

The Freedom of Information Act came into force in 2005 and encourages greater openness and transparency across the public sector. The Act provides individuals or organisations with the right to request information held by a public authority.

The Act requires the Council to adopt a guide to information. This document specifies what information the Council will routinely publish, in what format that information will be available and whether the Council will charge for providing the information and if so the level of charge.

Class 1 Information – who we are and what we do. (Organisations information, structures, locations and contacts) This will be current information only.

Information to be Published	How the information can be obtained
Who's who on the Council and it's Committees	Website
Contact details for Parish Clerk and Council members (named contacts where possible with telephone numbers and email addresses)	Website
Location of main Council Office and accessibility details	Website
Parish Newsletter	Website

Class 2 Information – What we spend and how we spend it. (Financial information relating to projected and actual income and expenditure, procurement, contracts and financial audit. Current and previous financial year as a minimum)

Information to be Published	How the information can be obtained
Annual Audit Return including comments from External Auditor	Website
Budget details	Website
Financial Regulations	Website
List of all Expenditure over £500 Net	Website

Class 3 Information – What our priorities are and how we are doing (Strategies and plans, performance indicators, audits, inspections and reviews).

Information to be Published	How the information can be obtained
Annual Report to Parish Meeting, Chairman's report	Website

Class 4 Information – How we make decisions (Decision making process and records of decisions. Current and previous year as a minimum)

Information to be Published	How the information can be obtained
Timetable of Council, Committee and Sub-	Website

Committee meetings	
Minutes of Council, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings	Website
Agendas and reports for Council, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings	Website
Responses to consultation papers	Hard copy
Responses to planning applications	Hard copy
Byelaws	Hard copy

Class 5 Information – Our Policies and Procedures (Current written protocols, policies and procedures for delivering our services and responsibilities. Current information only)

Information to be Published	How the information can be obtained
Standing Orders	Website
Financial Regulations	Website
Terms of Reference for Committees	Website
Code of Conduct	Website
Equal Opportunity Policy	Website

Class 6 Information – Lists and Registers (Currently maintained lists and registers only)

Information to be Published	How the information can be obtained
Register of members interests	Website
Register of gifts and hospitality	Hard copy
Asset Register	Website

**Class 7 Information – The services we offer (Information about these services we offer, including leaflets, guidance and newsletters produced for the public and businesses)
Current information only**

Information to be Published	How the information can be obtained
General Regulations and Conditions for the Hire of Sports Pitches	Hard copy
Policy for the Hire of Public Open Spaces	Hard Copy
Recreation Ground charges	Hard copy
Cemetery Regulations	Hard copy
Cemetery Fees	Hard copy
Allotment Regulation	Hard copy

Information will either be provided on the website at no charge or on hard copy where there is a charge of 10p per sheet. For hard copy please contact the Parish Office.

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