

FITTLEWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
GENERAL PRIVACY NOTICE (WEBSITE)

Security and Performance

We use a third party service to help maintain the security and performance of our website. To deliver this service it processes the IP addresses of visitors to the site.

Links to other websites

This privacy notice does not cover the links within this site linking to other websites. We encourage you to read the privacy statements on the other websites you visit.

Use of Cookies

This site may use cookies to maintain and keep track of users' preferences and authenticated sessions, to identify technical issues, user trends and effectiveness of campaigns, and to monitor and improve the overall performance. If you are not happy, please reverse your browser settings.

YOUR PERSONAL DATA – WHAT IS IT?

“Personal data” is any information about a living individual which allows them to be identified from that data. Identification can be directly using the data itself or by combining it with other information which helps to identify a living individual. The processing of personal data is governed by legislation relating to personal data which applies in the United Kingdom including the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and other legislation relating to personal data and rights such as the Human Rights Act.

WHO ARE WE?

This Privacy Notice is provided by Fittleworth Parish Council which is the data controller for your data.

Fittleworth Parish Council sometimes work with other data controllers eg.

- Local authorities
- Community groups
- Charities
- Other not for profit entities
- Contractors

We may need to share your personal data we hold with them so that they can carry out their responsibilities to the council. If we and the other data controllers listed above are processing your data jointly for the same purposes, then the council and the other data controllers may be “joint data controllers” which mean we are all collectively responsible to you for your data. Where each of the parties listed above are processing your data for their own independent purposes then each of us will be independently responsible to you and if you have any questions, wish to exercise any of your rights (see below) or wish to raise a complaint, you should do so directly to the relevant data controller.

A description of what personal data the council processes and for what purposes is set out in this Privacy Notice.

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The council will process some or all of the following personal data where necessary to perform its tasks:

- Names, titles, and aliases
- Contact details such as telephone numbers, addresses, and email addresses
- Where they are relevant to the services provided by a council, or where you provide them to us, we may process information such as:
 - Gender
 - Age
 - Marital status
 - Nationality
 - Education/work history
 - Academic/professional qualifications
 - Hobbies
 - Family composition
 - Dependants

The personal data we process may include sensitive or other special categories of personal data eg:

- Criminal convictions
- Racial or ethnic origin
- Mental and physical health
- Details of injuries, medication/treatment received
- Political beliefs,
- Trade union affiliation,
- Genetic data
- Biometric data
- Data concerning sexual life or orientation

HOW WE USE SENSITIVE PERSONAL DATA

- We may process sensitive personal data including, as appropriate:
 - information about your physical or mental health or condition to monitor sick leave and take decisions on your fitness for work;
 - your racial or ethnic origin or religious or similar information to monitor compliance with equal opportunities legislation;

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- in order to comply with legal requirements and obligations to third parties.
- These types of data is described in the GDPR as “Special categories of data” and require higher levels of protection. We need to have further justification for collecting, storing and using this type of data.
- We may process special categories of personal data in the following circumstances:
 - In limited circumstances, with your explicit written consent:
 - Where we need to carry out our legal obligations
 - Where it is needed in the public interest.
- Less commonly, we may process this type of personal data where it is needed in relation to legal claims or where it is needed to protect your interests (or someone else’s interests) and you are not capable of giving your consent, or where you have already made the information public.

DO WE NEED YOUR CONSENT TO PROCESS YOUR SENSITIVE PERSONAL DATA?

- In limited circumstances, we may approach you for your written consent to allow us to process certain sensitive personal data. If we do so, we will provide you with full details of the personal data that we would like and the reason we need it, so that you can carefully consider whether you wish to consent.
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THE COUNCIL WILL COMPLY WITH DATA PROTECTION LAW. THIS SAYS THAT THE PERSONAL DATA WE HOLD ABOUT YOU MUST BE:

- Used lawfully, fairly and in a transparent way
- Collected only for valid purposes that we have clearly explained to you and not used in any way that is incompatible with those purposes
- Relevant to the purposes we have told you about and limited only to those purposes
- Accurate and kept up to date
- Kept only as long as necessary for the purposes we have told you about
- Kept and destroyed securely including ensuring that appropriate technical and security measures are in place to protect your personal data to protect personal data from loss, misuse, unauthorised access and disclosure

WE USE YOUR PERSONAL DATA FOR SOME OR ALL THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

- To deliver public services including to understand your needs to provide the services that you request and to understand what we can do for you and inform you of other relevant services

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- To confirm your identity to provide some services
- To contact you by post, email, telephone or using social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp)
- To help us to build up a picture of how we are performing
- To prevent and detect fraud and corruption in the use of public funds and where necessary for the law enforcement functions
- To enable us to meet all legal and statutory obligations and powers including any delegated functions
- To carry out comprehensive safeguarding procedures (including due diligence and complaints handling) in accordance with best safeguarding practice from time to time with the aim of ensuring that all children and adults-at-risk are provided with safe environments and generally as necessary to protect individuals from harm or injury
- To promote the interests of the council
- To maintain our own accounts and records
- To seek your views, opinions or comments
- To notify you of changes to our facilities, services, events and staff, councillors and other role holders
- To send you communications which you have requested and that may be of interest to you. These may include information about campaigns, appeals, other new projects or initiatives
- To process relevant financial transactions including grants and payments for goods and services supplied to the council
- To allow the statistical analysis of data so we can plan the provision of services

Our processing may also include the use of CCTV systems for the prevention and prosecution of crime.

WHAT IS THE LEGAL BASIS FOR PROCESSING YOUR PERSONAL DATA?

The council is a public authority and has certain powers and obligations. Most of your personal data is processed for compliance with a legal obligation which includes the discharge of the council's statutory functions and powers. Sometimes when exercising these powers or duties it is necessary to process personal data of residents or people using the council's services.

We will always consider your interests and rights. This Privacy Notice sets out your rights and the council's obligations to you. We may process personal data if it is necessary for the performance of a contract with you, or to take steps to enter into a contract.

Sometimes the use of your personal data requires your consent. We will first obtain your consent to that use.

SHARING YOUR PERSONAL DATA

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This section provides information about the third parties with whom the Parish council may share your personal data. These third parties have an obligation to put in place appropriate security measures and will be responsible to you directly for the manner in which they process and protect your personal data. It is likely that we will need to share your data with some or all of the following (but only where necessary):

- The data controllers listed above under the heading “Other data controllers the council works with”
- Our agents, suppliers and contractors. For example, we may ask a commercial provider to publish or distribute newsletters on our behalf, or to maintain our database software
- On occasion, other local authorities or not for profit bodies with which we are carrying out joint ventures e.g. in relation to facilities or events for the community.

HOW LONG DO WE KEEP YOUR PERSONAL DATA?

We will keep some records permanently if we are legally required to do so. We may keep some other records for an extended period of time. For example, it is currently best practice to keep financial records for a minimum period of 6 years to support HMRC audits or provide tax information. We may have legal obligations to retain some data in connection with our statutory obligations as a public authority. The council is permitted to retain data to defend or pursue claims. In some cases the law imposes a time limit for such claims (for example 3 years for personal injury claims or 6 years for contract claims). We will retain some personal data for this purpose if we believe it is necessary to be able to defend or pursue a claim. In general, we will endeavour to keep data only for as long as we need it. This means that we will delete it when it is no longer needed.

YOUR RIGHTS AND YOUR PERSONAL DATA

You have the following rights with respect to your personal data:

When exercising any of the rights listed below, to process your request, we may need to verify your identity for your security. In such cases we will need you to respond with proof of your identity before you can exercise the following rights:

1) *The right to access personal data we hold on you*

- At any point you can contact us to request the personal data we hold on you as well as why we have that personal data, who has access to the personal data and where we obtained the personal data from. Once we have received your request we will respond within one month.
- There are no fees or charges for the first request but additional requests for the same personal data or requests which are manifestly unfounded or excessive may be subject to an administrative fee.

2) *The right to correct and update the personal data we hold on you*

- If the data we hold on you is out of date, incomplete or incorrect, you can inform us and your data will be updated.

3) *The right to have your personal data erased*

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- If you feel that we should no longer be using your personal data or that we are unlawfully using your personal data, you can request that we erase the personal data we hold.
 - When we receive your request we will confirm whether the personal data has been deleted or the reason why it cannot be deleted (for example because we need it for to comply with a legal obligation).
- 4) *The right to object to processing of your personal data or to restrict it to certain purposes only***
- You have the right to request that we stop processing your personal data or ask us to restrict processing. Upon receiving the request we will contact you and let you know if we are able to comply or if we have a legal obligation to continue to process your data.
- 5) *The right to data portability***
- You have the right to request that we transfer some of your data to another controller. We will comply with your request, where it is feasible to do so, within one month of receiving your request.
- 6) *The right to withdraw your consent to the processing at any time for any processing of data to which consent was obtained***
- You can withdraw your consent easily by telephone, email, or by post (see Contact Details below).
- 7) *The right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office.***
- You can contact the Information Commissioners Office on 0303 123 1113 or via email <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/email/> or at the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Transfer of Data Abroad

Any personal data transferred to countries or territories outside the European Economic Area ("EEA") will only be placed on systems complying with measures giving equivalent protection of personal rights either through international agreements or contracts approved by the European Union. (Our website is also accessible from overseas so on occasion some personal data (for example in a newsletter) may be accessed from overseas).

Further processing

If we wish to use your personal data for a new purpose, not covered by this Privacy Notice, then we will provide you with a new notice explaining this new use prior to commencing the processing and setting out the relevant purposes and processing conditions. Where and whenever necessary, we will seek your prior consent to the new processing

Changes to this notice

We keep this Privacy Notice under regular review and we will place any updates on this web page. This Notice was last updated in February 2023

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Please contact us if you have any questions about this Privacy Notice or the personal data we hold about you or to exercise all relevant rights, queries or complaints.

Fittleworth Parish Council takes your privacy seriously and will only use your personal information to contact you directly in order to pass on notices which you may find useful concerning issues relevant to the Parish of Fittleworth. We will only collect your email address if you ask us to do so via Newsletter Join up facility or any other form on this website. Your name and email address is the only information we will keep and we will only contact you via this address.

We will not pass your personal data to any other individual or organisation and undertake to keep your details safe and secure. We will not give any information about our data base to any individual or organisation.

You can ask us, at any time, to remove your name and email address from our data repositories, by emailing clerk@fittleworth-pc.org.uk.

Should you have any questions concerning this or any other issue relating to this website, please contact clerk@fittleworth-pc.org.uk