



Information available from Christchurch Parish Council under the ICO model publication scheme

Background

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 received Royal Assent on 30th November 2000. The Act defines the public authorities that are covered by the Act and so are required to adopt and maintain a publication scheme. Paragraph 7, Part II of Schedule 1 of the Freedom of Information Act defined a "local council" within the meaning of the Local Government Act 1972 as a public authority.

What is a Publication Scheme?

Under the Act, every public authority is required to adopt and maintain a Publication Scheme. This scheme provides the public with a structured listing of any information released, with authorities undertaking a commitment to make it available to all. The scheme must set out how the Parish Council intends to charge for providing the information. In this scheme, the term "publication" refers to documents available in a variety of formats.

Model Scheme

Christchurch Parish Council's publication scheme defines information that the Parish Council holds, and which is accessible to members of the public. The Parish Council strives to be as open as possible with local government information and the work it does. The Parish Council wishes to introduce greater openness and to continue to seek ways to make even more information available to the public.

What Charges are there?

Where a member of the public is seeking to obtain a copy of information included in this Parish Council's publication scheme, the Council may set reasonable charges for this. Costs are shown in this document or are available on application to the Clerk and may include photocopying costs, postage (where incurred) and staff time.

Confidentiality Notice

Christchurch Parish Council's policy is to be as open as possible and to supply the information requested, but the Parish Council may withhold any information if it considers its release not to be in the public interest and could cause significant harm. Any sensitive and confidential information is exempt from public dissemination.

Requests for Information

Requests for information should be made to the clerk: Dave Gibbs, 358 High Road, Newton-in-the-Isle, Wisbech, PE13 5HS. Email clerk@christchurchparishcouncil.org.uk

The request must include details of the applicant's address in the Parish and the information sought.

The Parish Council will respond within 20 days of the request. If a fee is required, the Parish Council can extend this period up to 3 months until the fee is paid.

Information available	How the information can be obtained	Cost
Class 1 - Who we are and what we do		
Who's who on the Council and its Committees	Website	Free
Contact details for Parish Clerk and Council members (named contacts where possible with telephone number and email address)	Website	Free
Class 2 - What we spend and how we spend it		
Annual return form and report by auditor	Website / notice board	Free
Finalised budget	Website	Free
Precept (from budget)	Website (budget)	Free
Financial Standing Orders and Regulations	Website	Free
Grants given and received	Website (accounts)	Free
Members' allowances and expenses	Website (accounts)	Free
Class 3 - What our priorities are and how we are doing		
Annual Report to Parish or Community Meeting	Website	Free

Class 4 - How we make decisions		
Timetable of meetings	Website	Free
Agendas of meetings	Website / notice board	Free
Minutes of meetings	Website / notice board	Free
Reports presented to council meetings	Website	Free
Responses to consultation papers	Clerk (email)	Free
Responses to planning applications	Website (minutes)	Free
Class 5 - Our policies and procedures		
<p>Policies and procedures for the conduct of council business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Procedural standing orders ▪ Committee and sub-committee terms of reference ▪ Code of Conduct ▪ Policy statements ▪ Equality and diversity policy ▪ Health and safety policy ▪ Policies and procedures for handling requests for information ▪ Complaints procedures (including those covering requests for information and operating the publication scheme) 	<p>Website</p> <p>Website</p> <p>Website</p> <p>Website</p> <p>Awaiting publication</p> <p>Awaiting publication</p> <p>Website</p> <p>Website</p>	<p>Free</p> <p>Free</p> <p>Free</p> <p>Free</p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>Free</p> <p>Free</p>
Information security policy	Awaiting publication	

Records management policies (records retention, destruction and archive)	Awaiting publication	
Data protection policies	Website	Free
Schedule of charges (for the publication of information)	Website	Free
Class 6 - Lists and Registers		
Assets register	Website	Free
Register of members' interests	Website	Free
Class 7 - The services we offer		
Community centres and village halls	Website	Free
Parks, playing fields and recreational facilities	Clerk	Free
Seating, litter bins, clocks, memorials and lighting	Clerk	Free
Bus shelters	Clerk	Free
Additional Information		
Other information that is not itemised in the lists above	Clerk	Varies

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 358 High Road
 Newton-in-the-Isle
 Wisbech PE13 5HS

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Schedule of Charges

Type of Charge	Description	Basis of Charge
Disbursement cost	A4 Photocopying @ 3p per sheet (black & white)	Actual cost
	A4 Photocopying @ 10p per sheet (colour)	Actual cost
	Postage	Royal Mail standard 2 nd class
Staff time	Where appropriate @ £20 per hour (minimum ½ hour)	Time spent