



Moretonhampstead Parish Council

Data Protection Privacy Policy



Our contact details

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This Privacy Policy is provided to you by Moretonhampstead Parish Council which is the data provider for your data.

Data Controller

Moretonhampstead Parish Council is the data controller under the Data Protection Act 1998, which means that it determines what purposes personal information held, will be used for. It is also responsible for notifying the Information Commissioner of the data it holds or is likely to hold, and the general purposes that this data will be used for.

Personal Data – What is it?

“Personal data” is any information about a living individual which allows them to be identified from that data (for example a name, photographs, videos, email address, or address). Identification can be by the personal data alone or in conjunction with any other personal data. 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 (the “GDPR”) and other local legislation relating to personal data and rights such as the Human Rights Act.

The type of personal information we collect

We currently collect and process the following information:

- Name, titles, aliases and photographs
- Contact details such as telephone numbers, addresses and email addresses
- Where they are relevant to the services provided by the Council, or where you provide them to us, we may process demographic information such as gender, age, marital status, nationality, education/work histories, academic/professional qualifications, hobbies, family composition and dependants
- Contractors financial information
- Interaction with the Council’s social media Facebook account allows the Council access to social media profiles

How we get the personal information and why we have it

Most of the personal information we process is provided to us directly by you for one of the following reasons:

- Correspondence
- Local resident concerns
- Services and Staff
- Meetings
- Contract management
- Response to an emergency
- Performance of statutory functions

We use the information that you have given us in order to:

- 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;
- To confirm your identity to provide some services;
- To contact you by post, email, telephone or using social media (e.g. Facebook);
- 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 promote the interests of the council;
- To maintain our own accounts and records, including statutory records such as burial records;
- To seek your views, opinions or comments;
- To notify you of changes to our facilities, services, events and staff, councillors and 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, or by the council;
- To allow the statistical analysis of data so we can plan the provision of services.

We may share this information with the councillors, staff and contractors carrying out the work of the council, pension providers, HMRC and prospective employers.

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.

Under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the lawful bases we rely on for processing this information are:

- (a) Your consent. You are able to remove your consent at any time. You can do this by contacting the Clerk.**
- (b) We have a contractual obligation.**
- (c) We have a legal obligation.**
- (d) We have a vital interest.**
- (e) We need it to perform a public task.**
- (f) We have a legitimate interest.**

How we store your personal information

Your information is securely stored in the Councils Office or virtually in Dropbox. The Council Office can only be accessed with a key and Dropbox and the Council's Computer can only be accessed with a password.

We will keep some records permanently if we are legally required to do so, for example minutes of meetings. We may keep some other records for an extended period of time. For example, it is current best practice to keep financial records for a minimum period of 8 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 in order 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 as long as 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 data protection rights

Under data protection law, you have rights including:

Your right of access - You have the right to ask us for copies of your personal information.

Your right to rectification - You have the right to ask us to rectify personal information you think is inaccurate. You also have the right to ask us to complete information you think is incomplete.

Your right to erasure - You have the right to ask us to erase your personal information in certain circumstances.

Your right to restriction of processing - You have the right to ask us to restrict the processing of your personal information in certain circumstances.

Your right to object to processing - You have the the right to object to the processing of your personal information in certain circumstances.

Your right to data portability - You have the right to ask that we transfer the personal information you gave us to another organisation, or to you, in certain circumstances.

You are not required to pay any charge for exercising your rights. If you make a request, we have one month to respond to you.

Please contact us at clerk20@moretonhampstead-pc.gov.uk if you wish to make a request.

How to complain

If you have any concerns about our use of your personal information, you can make a complaint to us at:

The Data Controller, Moretonhampstead Parish Council

You can also complain to the ICO if you are unhappy with how we have used your data.

The ICO's address:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Helpline number: 0303 123 1113

ICO website: <https://www.ico.org.uk>

This policy will be updated as necessary to reflect best practice in data management, security and control and to ensure compliance with any changes or amendments made to the Data Protection Act 1998.

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