



KETLEY PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCILLORS' CODE OF CONDUCT

Elected and co-opted councillors of Ketley Parish Council must at all times promote and maintain high standards of conduct. Whilst this should only apply when acting in your capacity as Councillor, the general public rarely differentiate and therefore caution is recommended in your personal dealings.

You can demonstrate your adherence to the Code by ensuring you follow the principles set out below:

✓ Councillors should serve only the public interest and should treat everyone that they deal with equally and with respect.	Selflessness
✓ Councillors should not place themselves in a position where they either are or give the appearance that they are under any financial or other obligation to anyone that might seek to influence them in the performance of their duties as a Member. ✓ Councillors should only use the resources of the Council in accordance with reasonable requirements set out for their use from time to time ✓ Councillors should declare their interests in accordance with the law and with the provisions of this Code of Conduct ✓ Councillors should declare gifts and hospitality that they receive in accordance with the Council's Rules on Gifts and Hospitality	Integrity
✓ Councillors should make decisions on merit and in the public interest, including when making appointments, awarding contracts, or recommending individuals for rewards or benefits.	Objectivity
✓ Councillors should be accountable to the public for their decisions and actions and should co-operate fully with any scrutiny appropriate to their particular role or office.	Accountability
✓ Councillors should be as open as possible about their decisions and actions and should give reasons for their decisions and actions. They should not disclose information given to them which they can reasonably be expected to know was either exempt or confidential and is not to be disclosed to protect the wider public interest.	Openness
✓ Councillors have a duty to declare any private interests that relate to their duties as a Member and do whatever is necessary to resolve any such conflict in a way that protects the public interest	Honesty
✓ Councillors should promote and support these principles by leadership, and by example, and should act in a way that secures or preserves public confidence	Leadership

Please note that a breach of the Code of Conduct may result in a formal complaint and referral to the Monitoring Officer. Appropriate action may be taken by the Council where the complaint is found to be upheld.