

SHREWTON PARISH COUNCIL **CODE OF CONDUCT**

You are a member or co-opted member of Shrewton Parish Council or a Working Group and hence you shall have regard to the following seven principles of public life, known as the Nolan Principles – **selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership.**

Accordingly, when acting in your capacity as a member or co-opted member.

You must promote and support high standards of conduct when serving in your public post, in particular as characterised by the following requirements, by leadership and example.

1. You must act solely in the public interest and should never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person or act to gain financial or other material benefits for yourself, your family, a friend or close association.
2. You must not place yourself under a financial or other obligation to outside individuals or organisations that might seek to influence you in the performance of your official duties.
3. When carrying out your public duties you must make all choices, such as making public appointments, awarding contracts or recommending individuals for rewards or benefits, on merit.
4. You are accountable for your decisions to the public and you must co-operate fully with whatever scrutiny is appropriate to your office.
5. You must be as open as possible about your decisions and actions and the decisions and actions of your authority, and should be prepared to give reasons for those decisions and actions.
6. You must declare any private interests, both pecuniary and non-pecuniary, that relate to your public duties, and must take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the public interest, including registering and declaring interests in a manner conforming with the procedures set out below.
7. You must, when using or authorising the use by others of the resources of your authority, ensure that such resources are not used improperly for political purposes (including party political purposes) and you must have regard to any applicable Local Authority Code of Publicity made under the Local Government Act 1986.
8. You must when being appointed to an outside body declare it as a personal interest. If voted to attend as a representative for the Parish Council that Councillor has a duty to provide regular reports on the work of that committee/group.
9. You must when being part of a committee/group with specific interests in supporting the community, declare an interest unless voted to attend as a representative for the Parish Council. The Councillor then has a duty to provide regular reports on the work of that committee/group.

Registering and declaring pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

- 10.** You must, within 28 days of taking office as a member or co-opted member, notify your authority's monitoring officer of any disclosable pecuniary interest as defined by regulations made by the Secretary of State, where the pecuniary interest is yours, your spouses or civil partners or is the pecuniary interest of somebody with whom you are living as a husband or wife, or as if you were civil partners.
- 11.** In addition, you must, within 28 days of taking office as a member or co-opted member, notify your authority's monitoring officer of any disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests which your authority has decided should be included in the register.
- 12.** If an interest has not been entered onto the authority's register you must disclose the interest to any meeting of authority at which you are present, where you have a disclosable interest in any matter being considered and where the matter is not of a sensitive interest.
- 13.** Following any disclosure of an interest which is not on the authority's register or the subject of pending notification, you must notify the Wiltshire Council monitoring officer of the interest within 28 days beginning with the date of the disclosure.
- 14.** Failure to abide by this Code of Conduct could result in disciplinary action. Advice can be sought from the Monitoring Officer at Wiltshire Council.

This policy was reviewed and adopted at Shrewton Parish Council Meeting 12 May 2021.