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Website accessibility statement

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The Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018. This legislation requires us to review and revise our website to ensure it is fully accessible to everyone. A Public Sector Body does not have to comply, if doing so places a disproportionate burden upon it, but it must still publish an Accessibility Statement on the website. A costing/quotation for upgrading the website was £1,100, with an additional annual maintenance cost of £240. The Parish Council considered these figures comparing them to the precept and taking into account the very low hit rate for the site. They unanimously agreed that the cost represented a disproportionate burden on the Parish and will comply only by providing an Accessibility Statement on the site.

For as many people as possible to be able to use this website, it means you should be able to:

- change colours, contrast levels and fonts
- zoom in up to 300% without the text spilling off the screen
- navigate most of the website using just a keyboard
- navigate most of the website using speech recognition software
- listen to most of the website using a screen reader (including the most recent versions of JAWS, NVDA and VoiceOver)

This website is not compliant with the <u>Web Content Accessibility Guidelines</u> <u>version</u> 2.1 AA standard.

Having reviewed the above criteria most, if not all, parts of this website are not fully accessible. For example

• PDF documents are not fully accessible to screen reader software However, to fully review and test the site is part of the disproportionate burden, as is the ongoing requirement to make all new PDF and Word documents compliant.

What to do if you cannot access parts of this website.

AbilityNet has advice on making your device easier to use if you have a disability – go to https://mcmw.abilitynet.org.uk/

Your device has Ease of Access Settings which allow you to customise how you access and control all aspects of your device including access to our website. This might allow you to achieve many of the criteria above.

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Contacting us by phone or visiting us in person

The Parish Council can be contacted by telephoning the clerk. However, the clerk works from their private home, so you cannot visit us in person, other than at Parish Council meetings, in the village hall.

As the telephone is the private home telephone line of the clerk, there are no disability aids available on this line.

The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) is responsible for enforcing the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 (the 'accessibility regulations'). If you're not happy with this statement or how we respond to any complaint, contact the Equality Advisory and Support Service (EASS).

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