

WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Excerpt from Minutes of Parish Council Meeting on **Monday 4 April 2022**
7.15 pm, held in the Village Hall, Whissendine:

- 13538** To review and revise the Code of Conduct for Whissendine Parish Council to allow reflection of current good-practice and LRALC guidance:

The Parish Council's intention to adopt, revise or replace its Code of Conduct was published from 25/3/2022 as required by Localism Act 2011 s28(12).

The Parish Council was recommended to adopt the new LGA Model Councillor Code of Conduct, as amended 17 May 2021 (previously the 'Code' was common to all Parish Council's in Rutland and was published on the RCC website, it has recently been removed by RCC). It was AGREED the code be adopted with some amendments to the model:

- To note the Monitoring Officer is an employee of Rutland County Council (RCC) and undertakes investigation of any relevant complaints about the behaviours/actions of Councillors deviating from the code.
- Dispensations (section 6, Page 10 and Section 7, Page 11) can only be granted by the Parish Council (or Committee/Sub-Committee). The power to grant shall not rest with the Chairman nor be delegated to the Clerk).
- Any Councillor with a disclosable pecuniary interest must leave the room for the relevant agenda item.
- This adopted code will also apply to non-Councillors where they are able to vote on decisions at committees/sub-committees. [This will be rarely used as non-Councillors cannot lawfully vote, even at the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group meetings; which is why all recommendations are decided at Parish Council meetings.]

It was further AGREED the code should be published on Whissendine.net.

Note:

Rutland County Council manages all Councillor complaints any issues concerning breaches of this code can be reported at:

<https://www.rutland.gov.uk/my-council/have-your-say/complain-about-a-councillor/>
or via the Parish Clerk at whisspcclerk@gmail.com