



# *Fremington Parish Council*



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**The following Model Publication Scheme was adopted by Fremington Parish Council, without modification, on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2008, and reviewed on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

## **Freedom of Information Act - Model Publication Scheme**

This model publication scheme has been prepared and approved by the Information Commissioner. It may be adopted without modification by any public authority without further approval and will be valid until further notice.

This publication scheme commits an authority to make information available to the public as part of its normal business activities. The information covered is included in the classes of information mentioned below, where this information is held by the authority. Additional assistance is provided to the definition of these classes in sector specific guidance manuals issued by the Information Commissioner.

The scheme commits an authority:

- To proactively publish or otherwise make available as a matter of routine, information, including environmental information, which is held by the authority and falls within the classifications below.
- To specify the information which is held by the authority and falls within the classifications below.
- To proactively publish or otherwise make available as a matter of routine, information in line with the statements contained within this scheme.
- To produce and publish the methods by which the specific information is made routinely available so that it can be easily identified and accessed by members of the public.
- To review and update on a regular basis the information the authority makes available under this scheme.
- To produce a schedule of any fees charged for access to information which is made proactively available.
- To make this publication scheme available to the public.

## **Classes of Information**

### **Who we are and what we do.**

Organisational information, locations and contacts, constitutional and legal governance.

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**What we spend and how we spend it.**

Financial information relating to projected and actual income and expenditure, tendering, procurement and contracts.

**What our priorities are and how we are doing.**

Strategy and performance information, plans, assessments, inspections and reviews.

**How we make decisions.**

Policy proposals and decisions. Decision making processes, internal criteria and procedures, consultations.

**Our policies and procedures.**

Current written protocols for delivering our functions and responsibilities.

**Lists and Registers.**

Information held in registers required by law and other lists and registers relating to the functions of the authority.

**The Services we Offer.**

Advice and guidance, booklets and leaflets, transactions and media releases. A description of the services offered.

The classes of information will not generally include:

- Information the disclosure of which is prevented by law, or exempt under the Freedom of Information Act, or is otherwise properly considered to be protected from disclosure.
- Information in draft form.
- Information that is no longer readily available as it is contained in files that have been placed in archive storage, or is difficult to access for similar reasons.

**The method by which information published under this scheme will be made available**

The authority will indicate clearly to the public what information is covered by this scheme and how it can be obtained.

Where it is within the capability of a public authority, information will be provided on a website. Where it is impracticable to make information available on a website or when an individual does not wish to access the information by the website, a public authority will indicate how information can be obtained by other means and provide it by those means.

In exceptional circumstances some information may be available only by viewing in person. Where this manner is specified, contact details will be provided. An appointment to view the information will be arranged within a reasonable timescale.

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Information will be provided in the language in which it is held or in such other language that is legally required. Where an authority is legally required to translate any information, it will do so.

Obligations under disability and discrimination legislation and any other legislation to provide information in other forms and formats will be adhered to when providing information in accordance with this scheme.

### **Charges which may be made for Information published under this scheme**

The purpose of this scheme is to make the maximum amount of information readily available at minimum inconvenience and cost to the public. Charges made by the authority for routinely published material will be justified and transparent and kept to a minimum.

Material which is published and accessed on a website will be provided free of charge.

Charges may be made for information subject to a charging regime specified by Parliament.

Charges may be made for actual disbursements incurred such as:

- photocopying
- postage and packaging
- the costs directly incurred as a result of viewing information

Charges may also be made for information provided under this scheme where they are legally authorised, they are in all the circumstances, including the general principles of the right of access to information held by public authorities, justified and are in accordance with a published schedule or schedules of fees which is readily available to the public.

If a charge is to be made, confirmation of the payment due will be given before the information is provided. Payment may be requested prior to provision of the information.

### **Written Requests**

Information held by a public authority that is not published under this scheme can be requested in writing, when its provision will be considered in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.

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## Information available from Fremington Parish Council under the Model Publication Scheme

Information to be published	How the information can be obtained	Cost
<p><b>Class1 - Who we are and what we do</b> (Organisational information, structures, locations and contacts)</p> <p>This will be current information only</p>	<p>Website Hard copy from Parish Council Offices</p>	<p>Free of charge</p> <p>10P per sheet of A4 black and white</p>
<p>Who's who on the Council and its Committees</p>	<p>Website Hard copy from Parish Council Offices</p>	<p>Free of charge</p> <p>10P per sheet of A4 black and white</p>
<p>Contact details for Parish Clerk and Council members (named contacts where possible with telephone number and email address (if used))</p>	<p>Newsletter Website Hard copy from Parish Council Offices</p>	<p>Free of charge</p> <p>10P per sheet of A4 black and white</p>
<p>Location of main Council office and accessibility details</p>	<p>Newsletter Notice Board Website Hard copy from Parish Council Offices</p>	<p>Free of charge</p> <p>10P per sheet of A4 black and white</p>
<p>Staffing structure</p>	<p>Website Hard Copy from Parish Council Offices</p>	<p>Free of charge</p> <p>10P per sheet of A4 black and white</p>

<b>Class 2 – What we spend and how we spend it</b> (Financial information relating to projected and actual income and expenditure, procurement, contracts and financial audit)		
Current and previous financial year as a minimum	Hard copy from Parish Council Offices	10P per sheet of A4 black and white
Annual return form and report by auditor	Hard copy from Parish Council Offices	Free of charge
Finalised budget	Hard copy from Parish Council Offices	Free of charge
Precept	Hard copy from Parish Council Offices	Free of charge
Borrowing Approval letter	Not applicable	
Financial Standing Orders and Regulations	Website Hard copy from Parish Council Offices	Free of charge
Grants given and received	Hard copy from Parish Council Offices	Free of charge
List of current contracts awarded and value of contract	Hard copy from Parish Council Offices	Free of charge
Members' allowances and expenses	Hard copy from Parish Council Offices	Free of charge
<b>Class 3 – What our priorities are and how we are doing</b> (Strategies and plans, performance indicators, audits, inspections and reviews)	Hard copy from Parish Council Offices	
Parish Plan (current and previous year as a minimum)	Not applicable	
Annual Report to Parish or Community Meeting (current and previous year as a minimum)	Website Hard copy from Parish Council Offices	Free of charge
Quality status	Hard copy from Parish Council	10P per sheet

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Local charters drawn up in accordance with DCLG guidelines	Not applicable	
<b>Class 4 – How we make decisions</b> (Decision making processes and records of decisions)  Current and previous council year as a minimum	Current - website  Hard copy from Parish Council Offices	Free of charge  10P per sheet of A4 black and white
Timetable of meetings (Council, any committee/sub-committee meetings and parish meetings)	Website Hard copy from Parish Council Offices	Free of charge
Agendas of meetings (as above)	Website Hard copy from Parish Council Offices	Free of charge
Minutes of meetings (as above) – nb this will exclude information that is properly regarded as private to the meeting.	Website Hard copy from Parish Council Offices	Free of charge
Reports presented to council meetings - nb this will exclude information that is properly regarded as private to the meeting.	Hard copy from Parish Council Offices	Free of charge
Responses to consultation papers	Hard copy from Parish Council Offices	Free of charge
Responses to planning applications	Hard copy from Parish Council Offices	Free of charge
Bye-laws	Not applicable	Free of charge
<b>Class 5 – Our policies and procedures</b> (Current written protocols, policies and procedures for delivering our services and responsibilities)  Current information only	Hard copy from Parish Council Offices	Free of charge

<p>Policies and procedures for the conduct of council business:</p> <p>Procedural standing orders  Committee and sub-committee terms of reference  Delegated authority in respect of officers  Code of Conduct  Policy statements</p>	Hard copy from Parish Council Offices	Free of charge
<p>Policies and procedures for the provision of services and about the employment of staff:</p> <p>Internal policies relating to the delivery of services  Equality and diversity policy  Health and safety policy  Recruitment policies (including current vacancies)  Policies and procedures for handling requests for information  Complaints procedures (including those covering requests for information and operating the publication scheme)</p>	Hard copy from Parish Council Offices	Free of charge
Information security policy	Not applicable	
Records management policies (records retention, destruction and archive)	Not applicable	
Data protection policies	Hard copy from Parish Council Offices	Free of charge
Schedule of charges for the publication of information	Hard copy from Parish Council Offices	Free of Charge
<p><b>Class 6 – Lists and Registers</b></p> <p>Currently maintained lists and registers only</p>	Hard copy from Parish Council Offices (some information may only be available by inspection)	Free of charge
Any publicly available register or list (if any are held this should be publicised; in most circumstances existing access provisions will suffice)	Where applicable, hard copy from Parish Council Offices	Free of charge

Assets Register	Hard copy from Parish Council Offices	Free of charge
Disclosure log (indicating the information that has been provided in response to requests; recommended as good practice, but may not be held by parish councils)	Not applicable	
Register of members' interests	Hard copy from Parish Council Offices	Free of charge
Register of gifts and hospitality	Hard copy from Parish Council Offices	Free of charge
<b>Class 7 – The services we offer</b> (Information about the services we offer, including leaflets, guidance and newsletters produced for the public and businesses)  Current information only	Hard copy from Parish Council Offices (some information may only be available by inspection)	Free of charge
Allotments	Hard copy from Parish Council Offices	Free of charge
Burial grounds and closed churchyards	Hard copy from Parish Council Offices	Free of charge
Community centres and village halls	Hard copy from Parish Council Offices	Free of charge
Parks, playing fields and recreational facilities	Hard copy from Parish Council Offices	Free of charge
Seating, litter bins, clocks, memorials and lighting	Hard copy from Parish Council Offices	Free of charge
Bus shelters	Hard copy from Parish Council Offices	Free of charge
Markets	Not applicable	Free of charge
Public conveniences	Hard copy from Parish Council Offices	Free of charge
Agency agreements	Not applicable	
A summary of services for which the council is entitled to recover a fee, together with those fees (e.g. burial fees)	Hard copy from Parish Council Offices	Free of charge



<b>Additional Information</b> This will provide Councils with the opportunity to publish information that is not itemised in the lists above		
Parish Council Newsletter	Hard copy from Parish Council Offices	Free of charge

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## SCHEDULE OF CHARGES

This describes how the charges have been arrived at and should be published as part of the guide.

TYPE OF CHARGE	DESCRIPTION	BASIS OF CHARGE
<b>Disbursement cost</b>	Photocopying @ 10p per sheet (black & white)	Actual cost of photocopying, including all resources*
	Photocopying @15p per sheet (colour)	Not available
	Postage	Actual cost of Royal Mail standard 2 <sup>nd</sup> class
<b>Statutory Fee</b>		In accordance with the relevant legislation.
<b>Other</b>		

\* the actual cost incurred by the public authority