BLYFORD AND SOTHERTON PARISH COUNCIL FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Information available from the Parish Council under its Publication Scheme

The Parish Council will endeavour to make the information in this definition document available unless:

- It does not hold the information;
- The information is exempt under one of the FOIA exemptions or Environmental Information Regulations exceptions, or its release is prohibited by another statute;
- The information is readily and publicly available from an external website; such information will provide a direct link to that information;
- the information is archived, out of date or otherwise inaccessible; or,
- It would be impractical or resource-intensive to prepare the material for routine release.
- The request is vexatious or repeats a previous request from the same person or organisation.

The list may not be an exhaustive list and, as a public authority, we will look to provide as much recorded information (emails, electronic, printed or handwritten documents as well as images, videos or audio recordings) as possible. Blyford and Sotherton Parish Council will endeavour to respond to a written request within 20 working days.

Publishing datasets

The Datasets Code of Practice recommends that public authorities make datasets available for re-use under the <u>Open Government Licence</u>. Blyford and Sotherton Parish Council will publish any dataset we hold that has been requested, together with any updated versions, unless it is not appropriate to do so. So far as reasonably practicable, we will publish it in an electronic form that is capable of re-use.

The term 'dataset' is defined in section 11(5) of FOIA. The ICO has published <u>guidance</u> on the dataset provisions in FOIA. This explains what is meant by "not appropriate" and "capable of re-use".

Information to be published	How the information can be obtained	
Class1 - Who we are and what we do (Organisational information, structures, locations and contacts)	www.blyfordandsotherton.suffolk.cloud	FREE
This will be current information only and will be updated annually.		
Who's who on the Council and its Committees	www.blyfordandsotherton.suffolk.cloud Parish Council Noticeboards situated in Blyford and Sotherton Corner.	FREE
Contact details for Parish Clerk and Council members (named contacts where possible with telephone number and email address (if used))	www.blyfordandsotherton.suffolk.cloud Parish Council Noticeboards situated in Blyford and Sotherton Corner.	FREE
Location of main Council office and accessibility details	Not Applicable	

Class 2 – What we spend and how we spend it	www.blyfordandsotherton.suffolk.cloud/finance/	FREE
(Financial information relating to projected and actual income and expenditure, procurement, contracts and financial audit)	Parish Council Noticeboards situated in Blyford and Sotherton Corner.	
Current and previous financial year as a minimum		
Annual return form and report by auditor	As above Hard Copy as Schedule of Charges	FREE
Finalised budget	As above	
Precept	As above	
Financial Standing Orders and Regulations	As above	
Grants given and received	As above	
List of current contracts awarded and value of contract	As above	
Clerks' allowances and expenses	As above	
Training expenditure	As above	
Class 3 – What our priorities are and how we are doing Audits, inspections and reviews (if any)	www.blyfordandsotherton.suffolk.cloud	
Parish Council Chairman's Report for the Year		
Annual Report to Parish or Community	www.blyfordandsotherton.suffolk.cloud/finance/ Parish Council Noticeboards situated in Blyford and Sotherton Corner.	FREE
Class 4 – How we make decisions	www.blyfordandsotherton.suffolk.cloud	FREE
(Decision making processes and records of decisions)		
Current and previous council year as a minimum		

Timetable of meetings (Council and any committee meetings)	www.blyfordandsotherton.suffolk.cloud Parish Council Noticeboards situated in Blyford and Sotherton Corner.	FREE
Agendas of meetings	www.blyfordandsotherton.suffolk.cloud Parish Council Noticeboards situated in Blyford and Sotherton Corner.	FREE
Minutes of meetings	www.blyfordandsotherton.suffolk.cloud Hard copy can be viewed as above	FREE
Reports presented to council meetings	As above	FREE
Responses to consultation papers	As above	FREE
Responses to planning applications	www.blyfordandsotherton.suffolk.cloud (within our minutes), also	FREE
	East Suffolk Council Planning public access portal: <u>https://publicaccess.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/online-</u> <u>applications</u>	FREE
	Hard copy can be viewed as above.	

Class 5 – Our policies and procedures (Current written protocols, policies and procedures for delivering our services and responsibilities)	www.blyfordandsotherton.suffolk.cloud	FREE
Current information only		
Policies and procedures for the conduct of council business:	Website: www.blyfordandsotherton.suffolk.cloud	FREE
Procedural standing orders Committee and sub-committee terms of reference Code of Conduct Policy statements		
Policies and procedures for the provision of services and about the employment of staff:	Website: www.blyfordandsotherton.suffolk.cloud	FREE
Internal instructions to staff and policies relating to the delivery of services Equality and diversity policy Health and safety policy		
Policies and procedures for handling requests for information Complaints procedures (including those covering requests for information and operating the publication scheme)		
Information security policy	As above	FREE
Data protection policies	As above	FREE

Schedule of charges (for the publication of information)		
Class 6 – Lists and Registers Currently maintained lists and registers only	(hard copy or website; some information may only be available by inspection)	
Any publicly available register or list		
Assets register	On request from Clerk	FREE
Register of members' interests	https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/yourcouncil/ councillors/councillors-register-of-interests/	FREE
Register of gifts and hospitality	On request from Clerk	FREE
Class 7 – The services we offer (Information about the services we offer, including leaflets, guidance and newsletters produced for the public and businesses)	Some information may only be available by inspection.	
Current information only		
Additional Information This will provide Councils with the opportunity to publish information that is not itemised in the lists above	None	

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
Disbursement cost	Photocopying / printing @ 20p	Actual Cost
	per sheet (black & white, single	
	sided)	
	Photocopying / printing @ 50p	Actual Cost
	per sheet (colour, single sided)	
	Scan to email @ 10p per sheet	Actual Cost
	Postage – subject to weight	Actual cost of Royal Mail standard 2 nd class
	Packaging	Actual cost of packaging for information.
Statutory Fee	Not Applicable	

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