# **Website Accessibility Statement**

We want everyone who uses our website to be able to find, read and understand our content, so we work to achieve and maintain the AA standards of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1.

# View the site your way

You can change the colours, contrast levels, font styles and magnify the page up to 150% without the text spilling off the screen.

# Navigate by headings

Use browser plugins or assistive technology such as screen readers to list the headings and subheadings in the page and go straight to the heading you need.

## Navigate by links

Users of assistive technology, such as screen readers, can get a list of all the links on a page and understand their purpose from the link text.

## Navigate by keyboard

Users who navigate by keyboard can see the interactive element currently focused on, such as links and form fields, through a highlighted outline.

## Skip to content

Use a keyboard to find the skip links and jump directly to the main content on the page.

## Listening to content

Use text to speech browser plugins or assistive technology to listen to content you select with the mouse or keyboard. Screen reader users can listen to content and navigate the site.

## Using different devices

To make the best use of our website with a range of devices, use the BBC's My Computer My Way's guide to using assistive technologies.

#### Alternative formats

If you need information on this website in a different format such as accessible PDF, large print, or audio recording, please contact us using the details below. We'll consider your request and get back to you as soon as we can.

#### Technical information about this website's accessibility

The Parish Council is committed to making its website accessible, in accordance with the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018.

This website is partially compliant with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines version 2.1 AA standard, due to the non-compliances listed below:

 the text will not reflow in a single column when you change the size of the browser window above 150%

- you cannot modify the line height or spacing of text
- most older PDF documents are not fully accessible to screen reader software
- some finance-related documents are scanned images which cannot be read by a screen reader
- you cannot skip to the main content when using a screen reader

#### Non Accessible content

**Images** 

Some images don't have a text alternative (alt text), so the information in them isn't available to people using a screen reader. This doesn't meet WCAG 2.1 success criterion 1.1.1 (Non-text Content). We plan to add text alternatives for key images by September 2020. When we publish new content, we'll make sure our use of images meets accessibility standards.

Some finance documents are scanned images which cannot be read by a screen reader.

#### Links

On some pages the same link text is used for different link destinations. This doesn't meet WCAG 2.1 success criterion 2.4.4 Link Purpose (In Context). When we publish new pages, we'll make sure link text meets accessibility standards.

On some pages the purpose of each link can't be determined from the link text alone. This doesn't meet WCAG 2.1 success criterion 2.4.4 Link Purpose (In Context). When we publish new pages, we'll make sure link text meets accessibility standards.

## PDFs and other documents

Some of our PDFs and other documents are not formatted so they're accessible to a screen reader. This doesn't meet WCAG 2.1 success criterion 4.1.2 (Name, role value). By September 2020, we plan to fix the top 10% most viewed documents. Any new documents we publish should meet accessibility standards where they are required for essential services or users who are likely to have disabilities or impairments.

#### Contrast

On some pages there isn't sufficient contrast between the colour of the text and the background, making it hard to read the information. This doesn't meet WCAG 2.1 success criterion 1.4.3 Contrast (Minimum). We plan to improve colour contrast by September 2020.

#### **Navigation**

On some pages the tabbing order is not logical when navigating using a keyboard. This doesn't meet WCAG 2.1 success criterion 2.4.3 Focus Order.

The focus indicator when navigating using a keyboard is visible but not sufficiently clear. This doesn't meet WCAG 2.1 success criterion 2.4.7 Focus Visible.

## Disproportionate burden

The Parish Council do not categorise any of the accessibility issues on our website as a <u>disproportionate burden</u> to fix within the meaning of the regulations, with the exception of *PDFs and other documents*.

We are carrying out *basic* checks of the website, as paying for detailed checks would be a disproportionate burden on our organisation.

We plan to fix the top 10% most viewed documents on our website by September 2020, and ensure that any new document required to access an essential service is accessible.

## Content that's not within the scope of the accessibility regulations

You can find the complete list of <u>content exempt from meeting the accessibility</u> <u>regulations</u> on legislation.gov.uk.

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## Preparation of this accessibility statement

This statement was prepared on 1st August 2020.

This website was last tested on 1st August 2020. The test was carried out by The Parish Council using the https://wave.webaim.org/

#### Contact us

We're always looking to improve the accessibility of this website. If you find any problems not listed on this page or think we're not meeting accessibility requirements, or if you'd like to request information in a different format, please contact the parish clerk.