

Resolutions originally adopted at Annual Parish Council Meeting 11th May 2004,
and the HCPC Meeting of 20th November 2012

Policies Re-adopted at the Parish Council Meeting on 7th May 2025

(a) Equalities Act 2010

- (i) Hinton Charterhouse Parish Council recognises its general DUTY to comply with the obligations of the Equalities Act 2010.
- (ii) Hinton Charterhouse Parish Council will continue within its functions and policies to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, promote equality of opportunity and promote racial equality between people of different racial groups.
- (iii) Hinton Charterhouse Parish Council recognises its general DUTY to avoid any less favourable treatment of persons with any form of sensory, physical or mental disability.
- (iv) Hinton Charterhouse Parish Council has a ‘zero-tolerance’ policy towards any actions by Council staff or Councillors that would conflict with any of the above.

(b) Crime and Disorder Act 1998

- (i) Hinton Charterhouse Parish Council recognises its DUTY to comply with the obligations of Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.
- (ii) Hinton Charterhouse Parish Council will consider the impact of all its functions and decisions on crime and disorder in Hinton Charterhouse Parish.
- (iii) Hinton Charterhouse Parish Council will review annually how it exercises its powers and delivers its services in order to comply with the requirements of Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1989.
- (iv) Hinton Charterhouse Parish Council will ensure that Crime and Disorder matters are always discussed at Annual Hinton Charterhouse Parish Meetings.
- (vi) Hinton Charterhouse Parish Council recognises its POWER, under Section 31 of the Local Government and Rating Act 1997, to spend money on crime prevention measures.
- (vii) Hinton Charterhouse Parish Council will be active in liaising with Police Community Support Officers and local Police authorities to reduce the incidence and impact of crime within the Parish.

(c) Data Protection Act 1998 & GDPR Regulations

- (i) Hinton Charterhouse Parish Council recognises its DUTY to comply with the obligations of the Data Protection Act 1998.
- (ii) Hinton Charterhouse Parish Council recognises the RIGHTS of “Data Subjects” (living, identifiable individuals).
- (iii) Hinton Charterhouse Parish Council, as the “Data Controller”, will observe the “principles of Data Processing” of “Personal Data”.

- (iv) Hinton Charterhouse Parish Council will annually “notify” the Information Commissioner.

(d) Freedom of Information Act 2000

- (i) Hinton Charterhouse Parish Council recognises its DUTY to comply with the obligations of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.
- (ii) Hinton Charterhouse Parish Council has submitted and received the Information Commissioner’s approval of “The Core Classes of Information” which will serve as a guide to what information is held and which will be made available to the public on request.

“Core Classes of Information” Publication contains the following:

- (a) Minutes of Council Meetings. Limited to two years.
- (b) Code of Conduct.
- (c) Periodical Electoral Review.
- (d) Employment Practice and Procedure.
- (e) Planning Documents.
- (f) Audit and Accounts.

(e) B&NES – HCPC Code of Conduct

- (i) Hinton Charterhouse Parish Council recognises its DUTY to ensure Councillors are aware of their obligations under the HCPC Code of Conduct adopted on the 20th November 2012; in accordance with the provisions of Section 27 of The Localism Act of 2011. The Council will expect all Councillors to comply with the letter of the Code and also with the spirit of Public Service in all their activities.

(f) Smaller Authorities (Transparency Requirements) (England) Regulations 2015/494

- (i) Hinton Charterhouse Parish Council recognises its DUTY to publicise the information set out in the Transparency Requirements Regulations. The Council will be open with all financial transactions, business, and records, consistent with confidentiality for employed staff; and for ongoing commercial negotiations.

(g) Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006

- (i) Hinton Charterhouse Parish Council recognises its DUTY to have regard to conserving biodiversity within the Parish. It will as far as it is able encourage local landowners to consider this aspect in all their activities, and to be in alignment with Bath & North East Somerset Council policies and initiatives in this area.
- (ii) Hinton Charterhouse Parish Council resolved at its July 2022 meeting to adopt a policy of recognising a ‘Climate & Ecological Emergency’ when carrying out its

activities. The Council will take into account these factors when considering all consultations on planning applications.

- (iii) Hinton Charterhouse Parish Council undertakes to support Bath & North East Somerset Council in its own Net Zero policies and targets.

Chairman’s Signature

Clerk’s Signature

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