

Code of Conduct

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Item	Purpose
	<p>All councillors are expected to work to the highest ethical standards when representing the council and the parish residents.</p> <p>This document includes the general principles that all elected councillors in public are expected to adhere to and explains how to register and declare interests. All town and parish councillors across Cornwall have agreed to work to this code.</p> <p>The accompanying Code of Conduct Guide explains in more detail with examples, of how the Code works is on page 2.</p>
Legal basis	It is a requirement in the 2011 Localism Act that councils agree and adopt a Code of Conduct. The Act provides a template for the minimum requirements, and councillors may add items to it, but cannot remove any that are derived from the Act.
Importance to you	<p>The Code is critical to maintaining and promoting high standards in public life. In order to discharge your civic duties as an elected representative, you must be ready to manage yourself according to the General Principles of Public Life (sometimes called Nolan Principles).</p> <p>Complaints made by members of the public citing the Code of Conduct are taken seriously by the Chair and Vice Chair. Examination and adjudication of complaints made under the Code are managed by Cornwall Council.</p> <p>Complaints by residents about staff behaviour are managed using the parish council's Complaints Procedure (see separate Quick Guide)</p>
Key Points	<p>Selflessness – you only serve the public interest and not your own or any other individual person.</p> <p>Objectivity – you make decisions on merit alone, and not with a predetermined (or fixed) opinion.</p> <p>Accountability – your actions are accountable to the public, and you are bound by majority decisions of your councillors.</p> <p>Leadership – these principles belong to all councillors and you are expected to support each other in implementing them.</p>

	<p>Bullying – be mindful that in your public position, it can be easy to override or ignore other peoples’ opinions.</p> <p>Naming (without consent) or bad-mouthing other people in a public meeting is a serious infringement of the Code.</p>
	<p>http://www.stkeyneparishcouncil.org.uk/data/uploads/1321_1680636737.pdf</p> <p>Code of Conduct Guide</p>

Notes	
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