

GOODNESTONE PARISH COUNCIL
GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION
STATEMENT

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) will take effect in the UK from 25th May 2018. It replaces the existing law on data protection (the Data Protection Act 1998) and gives individuals rights and protection regarding how their personal data is used by councils. Local councils and parish meetings must comply with its requirements, just like any other organisations,

The underlying principals of GDPR are that personal data;

- A) Must be processed lawfully, fairly and transparently
- B) It is only used for a specific processing purpose that the data subject has been made aware of and no other, without further consent
- C) Should be adequate, relevant and limited i.e only the minimum amount of data should be kept for specific processing
- D) Must be accurate and kept up to date
- E) Should not be stored for longer than necessary and that storage is safe and secure
- F) Should be processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security and protection

A statement issued by the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) in April 2018 PB 01 - 18 read "GDPR is a journey rather than a destination. She (the Commissioner) will be looking to councils to demonstrate that they are committed to making progress towards embedding the right processes and procedures. She wants to reassure councils that if they have appositve attitude to finding practical solutions to some of the challenges of implementation, they will find a pragmatic, fair and proportionate regulator"

Working with our County (KALC) and National (NALC) Associations, and taking account of advice and information from the ICO Goodnestone Parish Council are taking steps to ensure compliance with the new regulation.

DATA PROTECTION OFFICER (DPO) an amendment was made to the Data Protection Bill to exempt all Parish and Town Councils and Parish meetings from the requirement to appoint a DPO under GDPR. This amendment was accepted by MPs in May 2018. Appointing a DPO is discretionary and may be regards as good practice. All other GDPR requirements would still apply.

Goodnestone Parish Council decided not to appoint a DPO but they are committed to meeting all other GDPR requirements.