

SOUTH KILVINGTON parish council

THE TRANSPARENCY CODE FOR SMALLER AUTHORITIES

THE TRANSPARENCY CODE WAS FIRST ISSUED IN DECEMBER 2014. IT SETS OUT THE OBLIGATORY PUBLICATIONS WHICH WILL IMPACT ON SMALL PARISH COUNCILS LIKE OURS, WITH A TURNOVER OF £25,000 OR LESS. OUR PRECEPT, WHICH WE RECEIVE FROM HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL, IS £1,750 SO WE ARE DEFINITELY A SMALLER COUNCIL. IT WAS INTRODUCED AS OF APRIL 1ST 2015. IT REQUIRES A RANGE OF DIFFERENT PUBLICATIONS ON AN ANNUAL AND MORE FREQUENT BASIS.

YOU CAN VIEW THE CODE OF TRANSPARENCY CODE FOR SMALLER AUTHORITIES ON THE WEB AT WWW.GOV.UK

THEIR GUIDELINES STATE:

THE DATE AND INFORMATION SPECIFIED IN THIS CODE MUST BE PUBLISHED ON A WEBSITE WHICH IS EASILY ACCESSIBLE FREE OF CHARGE. FOR EXAMPLE, ONE WAY THAT THIS REQUIREMENT COULD BE ACHIEVED COULD BE BY PUBLISHING THE DATA ON THE LOCAL AUTHORITY'S WEBSITE FOR ITS AREA (H.D.C.) BUT THIS IS POTENTIALLY IMPRACTICABLE.

THE CODE REQUIRES THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO BE PUBLISHED.

1. ALL SMALL PARISHES TO PUBLISH ALL MINUTES, AGENDAS AND PAPERS OF FORMAL MEETINGS. THEY MUST BE PRODUCED NO LATER THAN 1 MONTH AFTER THE MEETING. AGENDAS AND PAPERS NO LATER THAN 3 FULL DAYS BEFORE A MEETING.
2. ANNUALLY LIST OF COUNCILLORS RESPONSIBILITIES.
3. FULL YEAR END ACCOUNTS
4. ALL ITEMS OF EXPENDITURE OVER £100
5. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENTS.
6. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT.
7. LOCATION OF PUBLIC LAND AND BUILDING ASSETS.

THESE WILL NOT ALL RELATE TO OUR PARISH. THEY ARE EXPLAINED IN ANNEXE A OF THE CODE OF TRANSPARENCY WEBSITE QUOTED ABOVE.

I HOPE THIS HELPS. IF YOU DON'T HAVE OR CHOOSE TO USE A COMPUTER YOU WILL FIND INFORMATION ON THE NOTICE BOARD. IF YOU WANT TO KNOW ANYTHING FURTHER, PLEASE ASK. THIS IS YOUR PARISH COUNCIL – WORKING FOR YOU!