

Harescombe Severn Parish Council

Accessibility Statement

This Accessibility Statement applies to our website harescombepc.org.uk. We are committed to ensuring digital accessibility for people with disabilities.

How accessible this website is

This website is run by Harescombe Parish Council. We want as many people as possible to be able to use this website. For example, that means you should be able to:

- change colours, contrast levels and fonts
- zoom in up to 300% without the text spilling off the screen
- navigate most of the website using just a keyboard
- listen to most of the website using a screen reader aloud function.

We've also made the website text as simple as possible to understand.

AbilityNet has advice on making your device easier to use if you have a disability.

Parts of this website that are not fully accessible

We know some parts of this website are not fully accessible:

- you cannot modify the line height or spacing of text.
- most older PDF documents are not fully accessible to screen reader software
- some financial documents are scanned images which cannot be read by a screen reader.

What to do if you cannot access parts of this website.

If you need information on this website in a different format like accessible PDF, large print, easy read, audio recording or braille:

- <mailto:harescombepc@gmail.com>
- call the Clerk on 01452 741824
- use the Contact sheet on this link <http://harescombepc.org.uk/contact-us/>

We'll consider your request and get back to you within 14 days.

Reporting accessibility problems with this website

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, please contact: The Clerk via email <mailto:harescombepc@gmail.com>

Enforcement Procedure

The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) is responsible for enforcing the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications)(No.2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 (the 'accessibility regulations'). If you are not happy with how we respond to your complaint, contact Equality Advisory and Support Service (EASS).

Technical information about this website's accessibility

We are committed to making this website accessible, in accordance with the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No.2) Accessibility Regulations 2018.

Compliance status

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

Non accessible content

The content listed below is non-accessible for the following reasons:

- PDF and Word Documents published before 23 September 2018 do not comply with WCAG 2.1
- Third party Images with no alternative text.
- Scanned copies of finance documents are not accessible to read aloud software or screen readers.

Disproportionate Burden

It would be costly in time and money to reformat existing scanned documents to enable read aloud or screen reader technology. We will convert all new scanned documents using purchased software to ensure they will be fully accessible.

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

Many of our older PDFs and Word Documents do not meet accessibility standards, for example, they may not be structured to they are accessible to a screen reader. This does not meet WCAG 2.1 success criterion 4.1.2 (name, role value).

Some of our PDFs and Word documents are essential to providing our services. For example, we have PDFs of meeting minutes and agendas as well as policy and procedure documents. From September 2020 we plan to replace policy and procedure documents with accessible PDFs or HTML pages.

The accessibility regulations do not require us to fix PDFs or other documents published before 23 September 2018 if they're not essential to providing our services. For example, we do not plan to fix old copies of meeting minutes and agendas. Any new PDFs or Word documents we publish will aim to meet accessibility standards.

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Assessment Approach

Harescombe Parish Council assessed the accessibility of their website in September 2020 by the following methods:

- Content: Self Assessment
- Context: Parish Council Websites
- Accessibility Evaluation Tool WebAim (Wave) by the Clerk

What we are doing to improve accessibility

The website will be audited annually to ensure compliance and all new documents added to the website will be checked for accessibility.

Preparation of this accessibility statement

This statement was prepared and first published on 16th September 2020.

This website was tested on 14th September 2020. The test was carried out by Harescombe Parish Council Clerk.