Accessibility Statement

Website Accessibility Statement for wolvertonpc.org.uk

This website is run by Wolverton 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
- navigate most of the website using speech recognition software
- listen to most of the website using a screen reader (including the most recent versions of JAWS, NVDA and VoiceOver)

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.

How accessible is this website?

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

- some PDF documents are not fully accessible to screen reader software, and some are missing titles and alt text
- some title attributes are missing
- there are some hidden elements containing focusable content that are not fully accessible to screen reader software
- some clickable controls are not keyboard accessible, and they should have an ARIA role
- some visual labels don't appear in the accessible name of links and controls
- Some of the CSS outline or border styles makes it difficult or impossible to see dotted link focus outlines

Feedback and contact information

If you need information on this website in a different format like accessible PDF, large print, easy read, audio recording, etc, contact the Clerk on:

Email: clerk@wolvertonpc.org.uk

Telephone: 01926 843534

We'll consider your request and get back to you in 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, contact:

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Clerk

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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're not happy with how we respond to your complaint, <u>contact the Equality Advisory and Support Service (EASS)</u>.

Technical information about this website's accessibility

Wolverton Parish Council is committed to making its 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 <u>Web Content Accessibility Guidelines version 2.1</u> AA standard, due the non-compliances and exemptions listed below.

Non-accessible content

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

Non-compliance with the accessibility regulations

- Many of our PDFs and Word documents do not meet accessibility standards, for example:
 - they may not be structured so they're accessible to a screen reader. This does not meet WCAG 2.1 success criterion 4.1.2.
 - o some are missing titles. This does not meet <u>WCAG 2.1 success criterion 2.4.2</u>.
 - o some of the images included are missing alt text. This does not meet <u>WCAG 2.1</u> success criterion 1.1.1.
 - \circ some are not tagged to be accessible by screen readers. This does not meet <u>WCAG</u> success criterion 1.3.1.
- There are some hidden elements containing focusable content which are unable to be voiced by a screen reader. This does not meet <u>WCAG 2.1 success criterion 1.3.1</u>.
- Some title attributes are missing. Without a title some screen readers read out the frame filename, which is usually meaningless. This does not meet <u>WCAG 2.1 success criterion 2.4.1</u>.
- Some clickable controls should be keyboard accessible. This does not meet <u>WCAG 2.1</u> success criterion 4.1.2.

- Some clickable controls should have an ARIA role. This does not meet <u>WCAG 2.1 success</u> criterion 2.1.1.
- Some visual labels don't appear in the accessible name of links and controls. This does not meet WCAG 2.1 success criterion 2.5.3.
- The CSS outline or border styles make it difficult or impossible to see the dotted link focus outline. This does not meet <u>WCAG 2.1 success criterion 2.4.7</u>.

We intend to correct these issues, where possible, by December 2022.

Disproportionate burden

At the present time, we have not identified any specific issues that would be of disproportionate burden.

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

PDFs and other documents

Some of our PDFs and Word documents are essential to providing our services. For example, our meeting agendas and minutes are provided in PDF, and forms published as Word documents. By December 2021, where possible we plan to either fix these or replace them with accessible HTML pages.

Some of our PDF documents are scanned, such as the Annual Governance and Accountability Returns, and these do not comply with the Accessibility Regulations 2018.

Some of the PDF documents on our website have been provided by third parties and we have no control over these documents.

We will endeavour to provide the information in these documents in an alternative format on request.

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 archived meeting minutes that were published before September 2018. However, if any archived minutes are requested, we will endeavour to provide them in an accessible PDF.

Unless scanned, any new PDFs or Word documents we publish will meet accessibility standards.

Preparation of this accessibility statement

This statement was prepared on 20 January 2022. It was last reviewed on 21 January 2021.

This website was last tested on 19 January 2022. The test was carried out in house by Wolverton Parish Council using <u>WebAIM WAVE</u> website accessibility evaluation tool and <u>SortSite</u>.