

## **BROCKENHURST PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **Code of Conduct**

Whenever councillors are acting in their capacity as members of Brockenhurst Parish Council:

1. They will not use, or try to use, their position improperly to obtain an advantage or disadvantage for themselves or any other person
2. They will not use this Council's resources improperly for political purposes or any other purposes forbidden by this Council
3. They will not do anything that compromises, or is likely to compromise, the impartiality of those who work for the Council
4. They will not bully anyone (Bullying is offensive, intimidating, malicious, insulting or humiliating behaviour that is directed at someone over whom you have some actual or perceived influence)
5. They will not intimidate, or try to intimidate, anyone who has complained about them or who may be involved with a complaint about them
6. They will not disclose information that they know, or ought to know, is confidential, without authority or a legitimate reason
7. They will not prevent, or try to prevent, anyone from obtaining information to which they are entitled by law
8. They will not do anything that may cause this Council to breach any of the Equality laws that prohibit discrimination on grounds such as age, sex, race, disability, religion/belief, sexual orientation or pregnancy
9. They will declare relevant pecuniary interests at the beginning of each Parish Council or Committee meeting, or as soon as an interest becomes relevant if it is not known at the beginning of each meeting. If appropriate, a councillor with such an interest shall leave the chamber for that item but can make a personal presentment on the issue before leaving. (This is to ensure that they are not disadvantaged by being a member of the Parish Council).

Adopted at Parish Council meeting held on 18th September 2012