

## **BROCKENHURST PARISH COUNCIL**

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# **COUNCILLORS CODE OF CONDUCT**

## **Introduction**

By law, all Councillors are required to follow their Council's Code of Conduct when acting in their capacity as a Councillor.

Brockenhurst Parish Council have adopted the same code of conduct as New Forest District Council to fulfil its obligations under section 27 (2) of the Localism Act 2011 and is consistent with the following principles of public life set out in the Act: selflessness; integrity; objectivity; accountability; openness; honesty, and leadership.

## **Code of Conduct**

Whenever you are acting in your capacity as a Councillor:

1. You must not use, or try to use, your position improperly to obtain an advantage or disadvantage for yourself or any other person or body.
2. You must not use your Council's resources improperly for political purposes or any other purposes forbidden by your Council.
3. You must not do anything that compromises, or is likely to compromise, the impartiality of those who work for the Council.
4. You must not bully anyone.  
(Bullying is offensive, intimidating, malicious, insulting or humiliating behaviour that is directed at someone over whom you have some actual or potential influence).
5. You must not intimidate, or try to intimidate, anyone who has complained about you or who may be involved with a complaint about you.
6. You must not disclose information that you know, or ought to know, is confidential, without authority or a legitimate reason.
7. You must not prevent, or try to prevent, anyone from obtaining information to which they are entitled by law.
8. You must not do anything that may cause your 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.

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