

# Accessibility statement for Barnby in the Willows Parish Council's website

www.barnbyinthewillows.com

## Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications)(No.2) Accessibility Regulations 2018

The regulations came into force on 23 September 2018 and implement the EU Directive on the accessibility of websites and mobile apps of public sector bodies. The purpose is to improve the accessibility of public sector websites (including Parish Council sites) so that they can be used by as many people as possible – this build on the existing obligations to disabled people under the Equality Act 2010 and the duty to make reasonable adjustments for disabled people.

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This website is run by Barnby in the Willows 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:

- Amend settings
- Navigate the website using just a mouse, mouse pointer and keyboard
- Zoom in without text spilling off the screen

We've also made the website text as easy as possible to understand. The government has produced a guide for disabled computer users. [AbilityNet](#) has advice on making your device easier to use if you have a disability. It covers such things as making screen images and text larger, using a text reader to convert text to sound, using Voice Recognition to control your computer, increasing mouse pointer sizes etc.

### How accessible this website is

Barnby in the Willows Parish Council understands the importance of ensuring that the website, and associated documents, are accessible for those with impairments where reasonably practical to do so and in line with the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications)(No.2) Accessibility Regulations 2018.

When reviewing accessibility, considerations have included:

- the level of technical knowledge needed, the amount of time it would take to be fully compliant and estimated associated costs of implementing the legislation
- changes being implemented by web host/provider (HugoFox) which will meet most requirements
- the type of information provided by the website, which is not specifically targeted at people with impairments
- that no requests have been made for information to be provided in alternative formats (therefore it is believed that demand for this would be low)
- retrospective amendment to / of older information and documents requiring a considerable amount of time / monetary investment

The financial cost of complying with the accessibility legislation would take up a significant proportion of the Parish Council's budget making it unlikely that normal costs could be met. This

would outweigh the benefits that the changes would bring (due to low demand). **The Parish Council has, therefore, concluded that meeting accessibility requirements creates a disproportionate burden which cannot be met** and, as such, is reviewing whether the website (in its current format) is sustainable.

We are working with Newark and Sherwood District Council so that they can host a webpage for us which will be compliant with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1. We expect this to be done by the end of the year (2020), and we will ensure any new websites used in the future are compliant with the required legislation.

### Feedback and contact information

If you need information on this website in a different format like accessible pdf, large print etc please contact:

Mrs Helen Cowlan (Clerk): 22 Cardinal Hinsley Close, Newark NG24 4NQ; Tel: 07905 787086; Email: [parishclerk@barnbyinthewillows.com](mailto:parishclerk@barnbyinthewillows.com)

We will consider your request and get back to you in 10 working days. You can also contact the Clerk for help with directions.

### Reporting accessibility problems with this website

We're always looking to improve the accessibility of the website. If you need to contact us about problems, or accessibility requirements, please contact the Clerk as above.

### 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. If you're not happy with how we respond to your complaint please [contact the Equality Advisory and Support Services \(EASS\)](#).

### Compliance status

This website is not compliant with the [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines version 2.1](#) AA standard. The exemption is due to disproportionate burden:

- navigation and accessing information
- interactive tools and transactions

We've assessed the cost of fixing the issues and believe that doing so now would be a [disproportionate burden](#) within the meaning of the accessibility regulations. We will be making another assessment if / when a new website is created, likely to be within the next year. We will also reassess once we have been able to complete work with Newark and Sherwood District Council in relation to them hosting an information page for us, likely to be before the end of this year (2020).

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

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. We are currently working to ensure that any documents produced since that date are accessible. Any new PDFs or Word documents published will meet accessibility standards.

We do not use live video streams (which are also [exempt from meeting the accessibility regulations](#)).

## **Preparation of this accessibility statement**

This statement was prepared on 20 September 2020. It was last reviewed on 20 September 2020. The website was last tested by us on 20 September 2020 by randomly selecting pages / documents to view.