## **Tattingstone Parish Council**

## **Code of Conduct**

In accordance with the Localism Act 2011 s26 -37

Tattingstone Parish Council adopted in 2012 The Suffolk Local Code of Conduct. Residents of the Parish can inspect a copy of the Code by contacting the Parish Clerk, by looking on the village website

www.tattingstoneparishcouncil.co.uk

or by clicking on the link below:

https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/.../SCC-Code-of-Conduct.pdf · PDF file

The public is entitled to expect the highest standards of **conduct** from all workers within **local government**. The definition of a 'worker' in **employment law**, extends further then contracted employees, to include anyone who is paid a regular salary or wage and works for an organisation, business or individual.

A newly elected councillor has to sign an undertaking, as part of their written declaration of acceptance of office, that they will observe the council's Code of Conduct. In addition, all councillors have to complete a register of interests within 28 days of the election, which is available for anyone to view.

Councillors are obliged, by law, to keep their statutory register entry up-to-date and to inform their council's Monitoring Officer of any changes within 28 days.

Prospective candidates are advised to read the Code of Conduct before standing for election so that they are aware of what will apply to them, and be sure that they are willing to complete the requirements for the register of interests detailed in the Code of Conduct.

## **Suffolk Local Code of Conduct**

The Suffolk Local Code of Conduct applies to elected councillors and cooptees appointed to the county, borough, district, town and parish councils in Suffolk. The Code of Conduct is intended to promote openness and transparency and to enable the public to have confidence that councillors act in the bona fide interests of their communities.

Complaints against district, town or parish councillors, who may have breached the Code of Conduct, are dealt with by the respective Monitoring Officer for each council.

- Making a complaint about the conduct of a district, town or parish councillor
- Code of Conduct complaints assessment criteria

Complaints against a county councillor should be made to the county council's Monitoring Officer.

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Signed: D. Wood, chairman

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