



WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

This website is run by Stoney Middleton Parish Council and has been made as easy as possible to understand.

The councillors would like as many people as possible to be able to use this website, which mean you should be able to:

- Change colours, contrast levels and fonts
- Zoom in up to 300% without text spilling off the screen and will reflow in a single column
- Navigate most of the website just using a keyboard
- Navigate most of the website using speech recognition software
- Listen to most of the website using a screen reader

How accessible is this website?

The website supports text to speech and the option to change font size, colour and background colour.

The majority of the documents have headers, making the navigation of documents easy to use and to find a specific item within our PDF documents.

However, the website might not be fully accessible via navigation of the keyboard as the tabs on the various pages are not prominent. The Parish Council are currently investigating this matter and this policy will be updated when known. The navigation tables on the contact pages are fully functioning and easy to use.

What to do if you can't access part of this website

If you need information from the website in a different format to what is provided, please email the Responsible financial Officer at smpc.rfo@outlook.com or telephone 07999 939380

Reporting accessibility problems with the website

The Parish Council is always looking to improve the accessibility of this website. If you find any problems that aren't listed on this page or think they are not meeting accessibility requirements, contact the Responsible Financial Officer using the contact details above and the matter will be discussed and investigated.

Enforcement procedure

The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) is responsible for enforcing the Public Sector Bodies (Website and Mobile Applications) (NO. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 (the 'accessibility regulations'). If you're not happy how the Parish Council responds to your complaint, contact the Equality Advisory and Support Service (EASS) (<https://www.equalityadvisoryservice.com/>).

Contacting the Parish Council by phone or visiting in person

Unfortunately, the Parish Council does not provide a text relay service for people who are deaf, hearing impaired or have a speech impediment nor is there an office to visit. However, if you email smpc.clerk@outlook.com, the Parish Clerk will endeavour to help you with your query.

Technical information about this website's accessibility

Stoney Middleton Parish Council is committed to making its website accessible, in accordance with the Public Sector Bodies (Website and Mobile Applications) (NO. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018.

This website is partially compliant with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines version 2.1 (<https://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG21/>) AA standard, due to the non-compliance listed below.

Non accessible content

The website does not provide text alternatives for every image, so not all information is available to people using a screen reader. Although this does not meet WCAG 2.1 success criterion 1.1.1 (non-text content) the Parish Council has marked them 'decorative' and therefore exempt from any audio description.

The site is navigable via the use of a keyboard only, however, the highlighted tabs are not prominent so not easily used. This does not meet criterion 2.1.1: Keyboard. The Parish Council is currently exploring this issue to see if its achievable on the current website.

Some PDF documents do not include section headings and although this does not meet criterion 4.1.2, the Parish Council is working to ensure all documents comply with this as soon as possible.

Changes to this statement will be made regularly as and when the Parish Council achieves the identified accessibility improvements.

Some archive documents are not available on the website but can be obtained by contacting the Clerk.

How this website has been tested

This website was tested in January 2022. The test was carried out by the Responsible Financial Officer, using the advanced accessibility checking tools made available by the Website hosts (Wix).