

As residents may know the law governing data protection in the UK is being strengthened. In that light, below is a statement of the Parish Council's privacy policy.

The Parish Council holds no mailing list or database of residents other than the electoral register. The council is taking advice as to what further action, if any, is required to comply with the new regulations.

ALTON PARISH COUNCIL: PRIVACY POLICY

This statement sets out the conditions under which the Parish Council (PC) holds the personal information of residents, and confirms the right of residents to change or delete this information.

Alton Parish Council (PC) is the local authority covering the villages of Alton Barnes and Alton Priors and the hamlet of Honeystreet. In order to fulfill its objectives and to deliver services the PC may hold necessary personal information (or data) about residents. It is the PC's responsibility to keep this information safely and securely. The Parish Council is also responsible for its website altonsandhoneystreet.org.uk. Access to personal information concerning residents is limited to PC members and officers and as necessary to others acting at the PC's initiative and under a duty of confidentiality.

Every resident has a legal right to update, change or delete any or all of his/her personal information in the PC's records. A resident wishing to do this is requested in the first instance to contact the Clerk via the website. If necessary a resident has a right to complain at any time to the UK Information Commissioner's Office (www.ico.org.uk).