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# Slaugham Parish Council

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## General Privacy Notice

### General Statement

Slaugham Parish Council is committed to abiding by data protection laws and to be open and transparent in how we use your personal information. Many people will be aware of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the new 2018 UK Data Protection Act. We acknowledge our requirement to comply with these laws as well as local laws applicable to other countries.

This policy contains links to more information on many of the topics listed and further external links if you wish to read further detail about personal data management.

As stated Slaugham Parish Council has committed to protecting your privacy when you use our services. This Privacy Notice explains how we use information about you and how we protect your privacy. If you have any concerns or questions about how we look after your personal information, please contact us

### Personal Data – Do you know what it is?

“Personal data” is any information about a living individual which allows them to be identified from that data (for example a name, photographs, videos, email address, or address). Identification can be by the personal data alone or in conjunction with any other personal data. The processing of personal data is governed by legislation relating to personal data which applies in the United Kingdom including the General Data Protection Regulation (the “GDPR) and other local legislation relating to personal data and rights such as the Human Rights Act.

You can find out more about the legal definitions of personal data [here](#).

In addition, there are “special categories” of personal data which means that the data, in law, is considered more sensitive, such as:

- Personal data related to your health
- Genetic data
- Religious beliefs

Click [here](#) for a more complete list of this type of data.

We do not collect sensitive data in our normal course of business and any such data you provide for specific purposes, such as for monitoring purposes in job applications, will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.

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## Council information

This Privacy Policy is provided to you by Slaugham Parish Council which is the data controller for your data.

A Data Controller is an individual or organisation that determines the purposes and means of processing personal data.

As data controller we take all necessary steps to comply with the Data Protection Act 2018 and its relevant subordinate legislation when handling any personal information.

Other data controllers the council works with are:

- Local authorities
- Community groups
- Charities
- Other not for profit entities
- Contractors
- Credit Reference Agencies

We may need to share your personal data we hold with them so that they can carry out their responsibilities to the Council.

If we and the other data controllers listed above are processing your data jointly for the same purposes, then the Council and the other data controllers may be "joint data controllers" which mean we are all collectively responsible to you for your data. Where each of the parties listed above are processing your data for their own independent purposes then each of us will be independently responsible to you and if you have any questions, wish to exercise any of your rights (see below) or wish to raise a complaint, you should do so directly to the relevant data controller

## What personal data is collected?

- Names, titles, and aliases, photographs;
- Contact details such as telephone numbers, addresses, and email addresses; Where they are relevant to the services provided by the Council, or where you provide them to us, we may process demographic information such as gender, age, , marital status, nationality, education/work histories, academic/professional qualifications, hobbies, family composition, and dependants;
- Where you pay for activities such as use of Parish Council facilities, financial identifiers such as bank account numbers, payment card numbers, payment/transaction identifiers, policy numbers, and claim numbers;
- The data we process may include sensitive personal data or other special categories of data such as racial or ethnic origin, political beliefs, trade union affiliation, genetic data, biometric data.
- Information from cookies or similar technologies.

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**The Council will comply with data protection law. This says that the personal data we hold about you must be:**

- Used lawfully, fairly and in a transparent way.
- Collected only for valid purposes that we have clearly explained to you and not used in any way that is incompatible with those purposes.
- Relevant to the purposes we have told you about and limited only to those purposes.
- Kept only as long as necessary for the purposes we have told you about.
- Kept and destroyed securely including ensuring that appropriate technical and security measures are in place to protect your personal data to protect personal data from loss, misuse, unauthorised access and disclosure.

**We use your personal data for some or all of the following purposes:**

- To deliver public services including to understand your needs to provide the services that you request and to understand what we can do for you and inform you of other relevant services;
- To confirm your identity to provide some services;
- To contact you by post, email, telephone, we do not contact you on social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp);
- To help us to build up a picture of how we are performing;
- To prevent and detect fraud and corruption in the use of public funds and where necessary for the law enforcement functions;
- To enable us to meet all legal and statutory obligations and powers including any delegated functions;
- To carry out comprehensive safeguarding procedures (including due diligence and complaints handling) in accordance with best safeguarding practice from time to time with the aim of ensuring that all children and adults-at-risk are provided with safe environments and generally as necessary to protect individuals from harm or injury;
- To promote the interests of the council;
- To maintain our own accounts and records;
- To seek your views, opinions, or comments;
- To notify you of changes to our facilities, services, events and staff, councillors and role holders;
- To send you communications which you have requested and that may be of interest to you. These may include information about campaigns, appeals, other new projects or initiatives;
- To process relevant financial transactions including grants and payments for goods and services supplied to the council
- To allow the statistical analysis of data so we can plan the provision of services.

## What is the legal basis for processing your personal data?

The council is a public authority and has certain powers and duties. Most of your personal data is processed for compliance with a legal obligation which includes the discharge of the council's statutory functions and powers. Sometime when exercising these powers or duties it is necessary to process personal data of residents or people using the council's services. We will always take into account your interests and rights. This Privacy Policy sets out your rights and the council's obligations to you in detail.

We may also process personal data if it is necessary for the performance of a contract with you, or to take steps to enter into a contract. An example of this would be processing your data in connection with the use of sports facilities, or the acceptance of an allotment garden tenancy.

Sometimes the use of your personal data requires your consent. We will first obtain your consent to that use.

## Sharing your personal data

The council will implement appropriate security measures to protect your personal data. This section of the Privacy Policy provides information about the third parties with whom the council will share your personal data. These third parties also have an obligation to put in place appropriate security measures and will be responsible to you directly for the manner in which they process and protect your personal data. It is likely that we will need to share your data with some or all of the following (but only where necessary):

- The data controllers listed under section "[Other data controllers the council works with](#)". Under **Council Information**
- Our agents, suppliers and contractors. For example, we may ask a commercial provider to publish or distribute newsletters on our behalf, or to maintain our database software;
- On occasion, other local authorities or not for profit bodies with which we are carrying out joint ventures e.g. in relation to facilities or events for the community.

## How long do we keep your personal data?

We will keep some records permanently if we are legally required to do so. We may keep some other records for an extended period of time. For example, it is current best practice to keep financial records for a minimum period of 8 years to support HMRC audits or provide tax information. We may have legal obligations to retain some data in connection with our statutory obligations as a public authority. The Council is permitted to retain data in order to defend or pursue claims. In some cases the law imposes a time limit for such claims (for example 3 years for personal injury claims or 6 years for contract claims). We will retain some personal data for this purpose as long as we believe it is necessary to be able to defend or pursue a claim.

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In general, we will endeavour to keep data only for as long as we need it. This means that we will delete it when it is no longer needed.

## Your rights and your personal data

You have the following rights with respect to your personal data:

When exercising any of the rights listed below, in order to process your request, we may need to verify your identity for your security. In such cases we will need you to respond with proof of your identity before you can exercise these rights.

**(i) The right to access personal data we hold on you**

- At any point you can contact us to request the personal data we hold on you as well as why we have that personal data, who has access to the personal data and where we obtained the personal data from. Once we have received your request we will respond within one month.
- There are no fees or charges for the first request but additional requests for the same personal data or requests which are manifestly unfounded or excessive may be subject to an administrative fee.

**(ii) The right to correct and update the personal data we hold on you**

- If the data we hold on you is out of date, incomplete or incorrect, you can inform us and your data will be updated.

**(iii) The right to have your personal data erased**

- If you feel that we should no longer be using your personal data or that we are unlawfully using your personal data, you can request that we erase the personal data we hold.
- When we receive your request, we will confirm whether the personal data has been deleted or the reason why it cannot be deleted (for example because we need it for to comply with a legal obligation).

**(iv) The right to object to processing of your personal data or to restrict it to certain purposes only**

- You have the right to request that we stop processing your personal data or ask us to restrict processing. Upon receiving the request we will contact you and let you know if we are able to comply or if we have a legal obligation to continue to process your data.

**(v) The right to data portability**

- You have the right to request that we transfer some of your data to another controller. We will comply with your request, where it is feasible to do so.

**(vi) The right to withdraw your consent to the processing at any time for any processing of data to which consent was obtained**

- You can withdraw your consent easily by visiting this website <http://www.slaughampc.co.uk/Slaugham-Parish-Council/Default-22896.aspx> or email [clerk@slaughampc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@slaughampc.co.uk)

**(vii) The right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office.**

You can contact the Information Commissioners Office on 0303 123 1113 or via email <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/email/> or at the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

## Transfer of Data Abroad

Any personal data transferred to countries or territories outside the European Economic Area ("EEA") will only be placed on systems complying with measures giving equivalent protection of personal rights either through international agreements or contracts approved by the European Union. [Our website is also accessible from overseas so on occasion some personal data (for example in a newsletter) may be accessed from overseas].

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### Further processing

If we wish to use your personal data for a new purpose, not covered by this Privacy Policy, then we will provide you with a Privacy Notice explaining this new use prior to commencing the processing and setting out the relevant purposes and processing conditions. Where and whenever necessary, we will seek your prior consent to the new processing.

### Changes to this policy

We keep this Privacy Policy under regular review and we will place any updates on [this web page](http://www.slaughampc.co.uk/Slaugham-Parish-Council/statutory_documents-22882.aspx) [http://www.slaughampc.co.uk/Slaugham-Parish-Council/statutory\\_documents-22882.aspx](http://www.slaughampc.co.uk/Slaugham-Parish-Council/statutory_documents-22882.aspx) This Policy was last updated in May 2018.

### Contact Details

Please contact us if you have any questions about this Privacy Policy or the personal data we hold about you or to exercise all relevant rights, queries or complaints at:

The Data Controller - The Clerk to Slaugham Parish Council Sally Mclean.  
Email: [clerk@slaughampc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@slaughampc.co.uk)

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