

Roxby Cum Risby Parish Council Data protection policy

Introduction

Roxby Cum Risby Parish Council needs to gather and use certain information about individuals. These can include our customers, suppliers, business contacts, volunteers and other people the organisation has a relationship with or may need to contact.

This policy describes how this personal data must be collected, handled and stored to meet the organisation's data protection standards — and to comply with the law.

Why this policy exists

This data protection policy ensures Roxby Cum Risby Parish Council:

- Complies with data protection law and follow good practice
- Protects the rights of volunteers, customers and partners
- Is open about how it stores and processes individuals' data
- Protects itself from the risks of a data breach

Data protection law

The Data Protection Act is underpinned by eight important principles. These say that personal data must:

1. Be processed fairly and lawfully
2. Be obtained only for specific, lawful purposes
3. Be adequate, relevant and not excessive
4. Be accurate and kept up to date
5. Not be held for any longer than necessary
6. Processed in accordance with the rights of data subjects
7. Be protected in appropriate ways
8. Not be transferred outside the European Economic Area (EEA), unless that country or territory also ensures an adequate level of protection

Policy scope

This policy applies to:

- All members and volunteers, contractors, suppliers and other people working on behalf of Roxby Cum Risby Parish Council.

It applies to all data that the Roxby Cum Risby Parish Council hold relating to identifiable individuals, even if that information technically falls outside of the Data Protection Act 1998.

This can include:

- Names of individuals
- Postal addresses
- Email addresses

- Telephone numbers
- Any other information relating to individuals

Data protection risks

This policy helps to protect Roxby Cum Risby Parish Council from some very real data security risks, including:

- **Breaches of confidentiality.** For instance, information being given out inappropriately.

Responsibilities

However, these people have key areas of responsibility:

- The **Committee** is ultimately responsible for ensuring that Roxby Cum Risby Parish Council meets its legal obligations.
- The **assigned data protection member**, is responsible for:
 - Keeping the Parish Council updated about data protection responsibilities, risks and issues.
 - Reviewing procedures and policies and respond to enquiries.
- The only people able to access data covered by this policy should be those who **need it for their work**.
- Volunteers should keep all data secure, by taking sensible precautions and following the guidelines below.
- In particular, **strong passwords must be used** and they should never be shared.
- Personal data **should not be disclosed** to unauthorised people
- Data should be **regularly reviewed and updated** if it is found to be out of date. If no longer required, it should be deleted and disposed of.

Storage

When data is **stored on paper**, it should be kept in a secure place where unauthorised people cannot see it.

- When not required, the paper or files should be kept **in a locked drawer or filing cabinet**.
- **Archive documents should be shredded** and disposed of securely when no longer required.
- Electronic and paper Data will be held in **as few places as necessary**.
- Data should be **updated as inaccuracies are discovered**. For instance, if someone can no longer be reached on their stored telephone number, it should be removed from the database.

Subject Access

All individuals who are the subject of personal data held by Roxby Cum Risby Parish Council are entitled to:

- Ask **what information** Roxby Cum Risby Parish Council holds about them and why.
- Ask **how to gain access** to it.
- Be informed **how to keep it up to date**.
- Be informed how the company is **meeting its data protection obligations**.

Subject access requests from individuals should be referred to **The Data Protection member**, who will aim to provide a response within 14 days.

The data protection member will satisfy themselves that the person making the request is in indeed the subject of the request before handing over any information.

In certain circumstances, the Data Protection Act allows personal data to be disclosed to law enforcement agencies without the consent of the data subject. Roxby Cum Risby Parish Council will in these cases comply with police requests.

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This Policy is to be adopted by Roxby Cum Risby Parish Council on 13 May 2026 and will be reviewed annually.

Signed the Chair of the meeting