

Carsington and Hopton Parish Council

Code of Conduct July 2020

Agree Minute number 30/20

You have a responsibility to represent the community, and work constructively with partner organisations to secure better social, economic and environmental outcomes for all.

The code of conduct applies when representing the council. And applies to all forms of communication including written, verbal, non-verbal, electronic and via social media.

Everyone in public office should uphold the seven principles of public life and as a councillor commit to:-

1. Civility

Treat all you encounter in your role with civility, that is, with politeness and courtesy. In return you have the right to expect courtesy from the public and are entitled to close down any conversation in person or online if this is not the case.

2. Bullying and harassment

Offensive, intimidating, malicious or insulting behaviour is not acceptable. The Equality Act definition of harassment applies to the relevant protected characteristics.

3. Impartiality

There should be no attempting to compromise the impartiality of anyone who works for or on behalf of the council.

4. Confidentiality and access to information

Confidential information should not be given. People should not be prevented from accessing information to which they are entitled.

5. Not bring the council into disrepute

Behaviour should not be dishonest nor deceitful.

6. Position

Councillors should not use their position to improperly advantage themselves or disadvantage others.

7. Use of resources

Council resources should not be misused.

8. Interests, gifts and hospitality

Interests must be declared and registered with the monitoring officer at Derbyshire Dales District Council.

No significant gifts or hospitality should be accepted. All over the value of £25 should be registered with the monitoring officer at DDDC.

