

# Accessibility statement for <https://www.erlestoke.org/>

This accessibility statement applies to Erlestoke Parish Council's website as above.

This website is run on Wordpress software. We want as many people as possible to be able to use this website. For example, that means you should be able to:

- change colours, contrast levels and fonts
- zoom in up to 300% without the text spilling off the screen
- navigate most of the website using just a keyboard
- navigate most of the website using speech recognition software
- listen to most of the website using a screen reader (including the most recent versions of JAWS, NVDA and VoiceOver)

We've also made the website text as simple as possible to understand.

[AbilityNet](#) has advice on making your device easier to use if you have a disability.

## How accessible this website is

We know some parts of this website are not fully accessible:

- most older PDF documents are not fully accessible to screen reader software
- Some headers need to be added to text
- Some areas require the contrast to be improved

## Feedback and contact information

If you need information on this website in a different format like accessible PDF, large print, easy read, audio recording or braille:

Clerk Polly Doyle

- Erlestokepc@gmail.com
- 073 910 92471

We'll consider your request and get back to you in 3 days.

## Reporting accessibility problems with this website

We're always looking to improve the accessibility of this website. If you find any problems not listed on this page or think we're not meeting accessibility requirements, contact:

Clerk Polly Doyle

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- 073 910 92471

## Enforcement procedure

The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) is responsible for enforcing the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 (the 'accessibility regulations'). If you're not happy with how we respond to your complaint, [contact the Equality Advisory and Support Service \(EASS\)](#).

## Technical information about this website's accessibility

Erlestoke Parish Council is committed to making its website accessible, in accordance with the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018.

## Compliance status

This website is partially compliant with the [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines version 2.1](#) AA standard, due to the non-compliances listed below.

- There are 2 errors listed as 'empty links'. We do not have any links on our website as the website functions purely to provide information and is not interactive.
- We have one very low contrast image.

## **Non-accessible content**

The content listed below is non-accessible for the following reasons.

### **Non-compliance with the accessibility regulations**

Some images do not have a text alternative, so people using a screen reader cannot access the information. This fails WCAG 2.1 success criterion 1.1.1 (non-text content).

We plan to add text alternatives for all images by November 2020. When we publish new content we'll make sure our use of images meets accessibility standards.

### **Content that's not within the scope of the accessibility regulations**

#### **PDFs and other documents**

Some of our PDFs and Word documents are essential to providing Parish Council information. For example, we have PDFs with meeting agendas and minutes. By the end of November 2020, we plan to either fix these or replace them with accessible HTML pages.

The accessibility regulations [do not require us to fix PDFs or other documents published before 23 September 2018](#) if they're not essential to providing our services. For example, we do not plan to fix the Annual Return 2017-2018.

Any new PDFs or Word documents we publish will meet accessibility standards.

## **What we're doing to improve accessibility**

Providing images currently without a text alternative with an alternative by the end of November 2020.

PDF and word documents made more accessible by the end of November 2020.

## **Preparation of this accessibility statement**

This statement was prepared on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020. It was last reviewed on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020.

This website was last tested on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020. The test was carried out by using the WAVE website accessibility evaluation tool.

We used this approach to evaluate the whole website's accessibility.

You can read the full accessibility test report <https://wave.webaim.org/report#/https://www.erlestone.org/>.