

# TOSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

Adopted 2024-03-12

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### **1 Introduction**

- 1.1 Section 27 of the Localism Act 2011 requires councils to promote and maintain high standards of conduct and, in doing so, to adopt a code of conduct. The Act sets out requirements for the registration and disclosure of pecuniary interests (DPIs) and creates offences where councillors fail to do so or take part in a matter in which they have a DPI without having been granted a dispensation.
- 1.2 A recommendation in *Local Government Ethical Standards: a Review by the Committee on Standards in Public Life* was that there should be a national code of conduct. This led to the Local Government Association (LGA) producing the LGA Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

### **2 Suffolk Local Code of Conduct**

In September 2016 the Council amended and adopted the Suffolk Local Code of Conduct for the purposes of discharging its duty to comply with the standards required by the Localism Act.

### **3 The Council**

- 3.1 Further to the publication of the LGA Code, it was adopted by the main authorities in the county and the Suffolk Association of Local Councils recommended likewise by parish councils.
- 3.2 Accordingly, Tostock Parish Council formally adopted the LGA Model Councillor Code of Conduct (as amended) at its meeting on 12 March 2024:  
<https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/local-government-association-model-councillor-code-conduct-2020>

The above together with subsequent guidance which is aimed to help understanding and consistency of approach towards the code:

<https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/guidance-local-government-association-model-councillor-code-conduct>