

TOSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

CODE OF CONDUCT

Adopted 2024-03-12; Reviewed and Confirmed as Current 2025-03-11

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>