Boylestone Parish Council

Dear Parishioner,

I am writing to you firstly to introduce myself as the new, recently appointed, Clerk to the Parish Council.

I take over the function from my predecessor, George Upson, who many of you will know will now be serving the local community in his new role as a Parish Councillor.

After a rewarding career in local government myself, I am looking forward to providing the procedural guidance to the Council which will provide its members, the Councillors which you elect, with the freedom to concentrate on their most important role – which is tackling the community concerns of the residents they represent.

I hope to meet many of you in the coming months and on that note, I would like to extend a warm invitation to you to come along, and if you wish, to have your say, at our regular Parish Council meetings which are held in the Village Hall every two months. You will be made most welcome.

In time we hope to develop an effective website for the Parish Council which will provide easily accessible information on matters such as past and future meetings. We also currently have a distribution list of contact email addresses, which is useful for notifying residents not only of Parish Council meetings, but also on matters such as planning applications which have been submitted to the District Council and which may be of concern to you.

This brings me to my second reason for writing to you now. The contact information that the Parish Council holds is classed legally as 'personal data' which, under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), must only be used, and consented to, specifically for the purpose for which it was originally obtained. As it appears that this information was acquired some time ago and that consents may have changed in the meantime, the Parish Council is shortly to conduct a review of this data that it holds.

For those residents whose contact details the Parish Council presently possesses, in order to maintain our contact with you in this way therefore, we are asking that you confirm your agreement to this, including also your full name and postal address, by email to us at boylestoneparish2@btinternet.com by 31st August 2023.

Anyone who at the present time does not receive communication from us in this way, and would like to be included, please also let us know in the manner described above.

Where agreement is given, the Parish Council will use your contact information solely for the purpose of notifying you of meetings and of other issues that concern the local community. It will never be divulged to any other party.

Finally, should you ever wish to raise any concerns relevant to the operation of the Parish Council, please do feel free to contact me on the email address quoted above.

Yours sincerely

Peter Bambury

Clerk to the Parish Council