



COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

August 2022 (Amended November 2023)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Stirchley and Brookside Parish Council is committed to providing a quality service for the benefit of the people who live or work in its area or are visitors to the locality. If you are dissatisfied with the standard of service you have received from this council or are unhappy about an action or lack of action by this council, this Complaints Procedure sets out how you may complain to the council and how we shall try to resolve your complaint.
- 1.2 This Complaints Procedure applies to complaints about council administration and procedures and may include complaints about how council employees have dealt with your concerns. This does not include complaints about individuals.
- 1.3 This Complaints Procedure does not apply to:
- complaints by one council employee against another council employee, or between a council employee and the council as employer. These matters are dealt with under the council's disciplinary and grievance procedures.
 - complaints against councillors. Complaints against councillors are covered by the Code of Conduct for Members adopted by the Council. If a complaint against a councillor is received by the council, it will be referred to the Standards Committee of Telford and Wrekin Council. Further information on the process of dealing with complaints against councillors may be obtained from the Monitoring Officer of Telford and Wrekin Council.

2. MAKING A COMPLAINT

- 2.1 Complaints must be submitted in writing outlining the nature of the complaint. Please indicate if you wish your complaint to be handled confidentially.
- 2.2 Complaints should be submitted to:
- The Clerk
Stirchley and Brookside Parish Council
The Sambrook Centre
Grange Avenue
Stirchley
TF3 1FL
chris.maclean@sbpc.org.uk

If this is not possible or if the complaint involves the Clerk, complaints may be submitted to the Chair:
admin@sbpc.org.uk

3 RECEIPT OF COMPLAINT

- 3.1 Complaints will be acknowledged, in writing within 5 working days; confirming that the complaint will be treated confidentially and the next steps in the procedure

4 RESOLUTION

4.1 Stage 1

Every effort will be made to resolve complaints quickly and to the complainant's satisfaction. A decision will be provided to the complainant within 5 working days unless there are exceptional circumstances.

4.2 Stage 2

- 4.2.1 If the complainant is not satisfied with the stage 1 outcome, the clerk or nominated officer will acknowledge the complainants remaining concerns within 5 working days and confirm the next steps in the procedure and timescales.

- 4.2.2 The Clerk, Chair or Policy and Resources Committee as appropriate will investigate the facts of the complaint, this may involve speaking to other staff. The complainant may be invited to a meeting to discuss the complaint.

- 4.2.3 At a resolution meeting the complainant will be asked to outline the grounds for complaint. Questions may be asked by the clerk, or other nominated officer or by the Chair of the meeting. Each party will be given the opportunity to summarise their respective positions.

- 4.2.4 The complainant will be advised when a decision about their complaint will be made and when it will be communicated to them.

5 DECISION

- 5.1 The council will write to the to the complainant within 20 days to confirm whether or not their complaint has been upheld, giving reasons for its decision together with details of any further action to be taken if appropriate, and the appeal process.

6 APPEAL

- 6.1 If a complainant is still not satisfied with the outcome of their complaint they may appeal. The clerk will convene a meeting of the appeals subcommittee to review the matter. The decision of the appeals subcommittee is final.

7 DATA PROTECTION

- 7.1 Your personal information will be held in accordance with our privacy policy which is attached at appendix one.

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Complaints Procedure Privacy Policy

Your personal information is being processed by Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council. We are committed to managing personal information in line with current legislation and best practice, this includes the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which is active from May 25th, 2018. Whenever you provide personal information, we will treat information in accordance with our privacy policy.

Description of processing

The following is a broad description of the way this council processes personal information:

Reasons for processing information

We process personal information to enable us to deal with your complaint.

Type of information processed

We process information relating to the above purposes. This information may include personal details- such as name, address and contact details.

Who is the information is processed about

We process information regarding the person making the complaint?

Who is the information may be shared with

We may share this information with committees or individuals involved in the investigation of your

Retention Period	All information below will be kept whilst we are dealing with your complaint.
Where stored:	Electronic, paper
Authority:	Stirchley and Brookside Parish Council
Information Asset Owner:	Stirchley and Brookside Parish Council
Location Held:	Electronically and Secure File
Permanent Preservation:	No
Sensitive Personal Data:	Yes

complaint? We will not share information with any third parties.

Retention policy

Rights of Data Subjects

The right to be informed	Data subjects should be clear about what, why and in what way, Personal Identifiable Information (PII) will be processed.
The right of access	Data subjects have the right to learn what PII is held on them by whom and why
The right of rectification	Data subjects can request corrections to their PII
The right to erase	Data subjects can request to be forgotten
The right to restrict processing	Data subjects can ask organisation to stop processing their PII
The right to data portability	Data subjects can ask for their PII in machine readable format or to have it sent to another organisation
The right to object	Data subjects can object to organisation processing their PII
Automated decision making and profiling	Protection against targeted marketing and decision making

If you wish to require more information regarding rights, you can do this by consulting the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) website.

Signature:

Date: