SUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Policy for use - WhatsApp

1. The aim of the Suckley Parish Council WhatsApp Group please refer points 2 to 7

2. The WhatsApp Group should only be a platform for informal discussions between councillors.

3. The parish clerk will join the WhatsApp Group to monitor activity.

4. Councillors on the Group must NOT use this platform for any decision-making, or act as an 'action group'

5. The clerk may from time to time use this platform to send urgent alerts or urgent questions to councillors that would otherwise be delayed if using the councils email system.

6. The reason for (point 4) is to ensure the Council is transparent and accountable for it's actions and WhatsApp does not meet the requirement of GDPR

7. In the event of an FOI request the council can retrieve any email correspondence but is unable to retrieve WhatsApp messages .

8. The administrator will be a parish councillor in this case Cllr Ormerod, and they will remove any member not a parish councillor with immediate effect, and add any new councillor upon their acceptance of this policy and the clerk as required.

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