

## **CCTV Policy**

Long Stratton Parish Council uses closed circuit television (CCTV) images to reduce crime and monitor buildings to provide a safe and secure environment for members of the public and staff, and to prevent the loss or damage to property.

CCTV cameras are installed at The Playing Field, Manor Road, Long Stratton. The system comprises a number of fixed cameras and does not have sound recording capability. All cameras are of a High Definition quality.

The CCTV system is owned and operated by the Council and deployment is determined by the Clerk under guidance from the Council. The CCTV is monitored from the site by the clerk as necessary.

The CCTV scheme is registered with the Information Commissioner under the terms of the Data Protection Act 1998.

The use of CCTV and the associated images is covered by the Data Protection Act 1998. This Policy outlines the Council's use of CCTV and how it complies with the Act.

The Clerk is the Parish Council's Data Protection Officer and is responsible for the Council's Data Protection Policy.

All authorised operators and employees with access to images are aware of the procedures that need to be followed when accessing the recording images. All employees are aware of the restrictions in relation to access to, and disclosure of, recorded images.

### **Statement of Intent**

The Council complies with the Information Commissioner's CCTV Code of Practice to ensure it is used responsibly, and safeguards both trust and confidence in its continued use. The Code of Practice is published on the Information Commissioner's Office website. In areas where CCTV is used, the Council will ensure that there are prominent signs placed within the controlled area. It is not possible to guarantee that the system will cover or detect every single incident taking place in the areas of coverage. Images are recorded 24 hours per day, and HD quality cameras, with night vision functionality, are used.

### **Siting the Cameras**

Cameras will be sited so that they only capture images relevant to the purposes for which they are installed, and care will be taken to ensure that reasonable privacy expectations are not violated. The Council will ensure that the location of equipment is carefully considered to ensure that images captured comply with the Data Protection Act. The Council will make every effort to position cameras so that their coverage is restricted to Council premises, which will include outdoor areas. Members of staff have access to details of where CCTV cameras are situated.

### **Covert Monitoring**

In exceptional circumstances, the Council may set up covert monitoring. For example:

- Where there is a good cause to suspect that illegal or unauthorised action(s), is taking place, or where there are grounds to suspect serious misconduct;

- Where notifying the individuals about the monitoring would seriously prejudice the reason for making the recording. In these circumstances authorisation must be obtained from the Parish Clerk and/or the Chairman of the Council. Covert monitoring must cease following completion of an investigation. Cameras sited for covert monitoring will not be used in areas which are reasonably expected to be private, for example toilet cubicles.

### **Storage and Retention of CCTV Images**

Recorded data will be retained for no longer than is necessary. While retained, the integrity of the recordings will be maintained to ensure their evidential value and to protect the rights of the people whose images have been recorded. All retained data will be stored securely.

### **Access to CCTV Images**

Access to recorded images will be restricted to officers of the council, and will not be made more widely available.

### **Subject Access Requests**

Individuals have the right to request access to CCTV footage relating to themselves under the Data Protection Act. All requests should be made in writing to the Clerk using the forms set out within this Policy, and each application will be assessed on its own merits. Individuals submitting requests for access will be asked to provide sufficient information to enable the footage relating to them to be identified. The Council will respond to requests within 28 calendar days of receiving the written request. The Council reserves the right to refuse access to CCTV footage where this would prejudice the legal rights of other individuals or jeopardise an on-going investigation.

### **Access to and Disclosure of Images to Third Parties**

There will be no disclosure of recorded data to third parties other than to authorised personnel such as the Police, or service providers to the Council where these would reasonably need access to the data (eg investigators). Requests should be made in writing to the Parish Clerk using the forms set out within this Policy, and each application will be assessed on its own merits.

### **Complaints**

Complaints and enquiries about the operation of CCTV within the Council should be made using the process set out within the Complaints Policy, which is available on the Council's website.

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**Review due June 2018**

**CCTV Operations System – Data Protection Act 1998  
Subject Access Requests – Application Form for the General Public**

**Section 1 – About Yourself**

The information requested below is to help the Parish Council satisfy itself as to your identity, and to find any data held about yourself.

**PLEASE USE BLOCK LETTERS**

|  |  |           |                       |             |           |
|--|--|-----------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>Title:</b> (circle as appropriate)  |  | <b>Mr</b> | <b>Mrs</b>            | <b>Miss</b> | <b>Ms</b> |
| <b>Other:</b> .....  |  |           |                       |             |           |
| <b>Surname:</b>  |  |           |                       |             |           |
| <b>First Name(s):</b>  |  |           |                       |             |           |
| <b>Maiden Name:</b>  |  |           | <b>Gender:</b>        |             |           |
| <b>Height:</b>   |  |           | <b>Date of Birth:</b> |             |           |
| <b>Place of Birth:</b>   |  |           |                       |             |           |
| <b>Current Home Address &amp; Tel No:</b>  |  |           |                       |             |           |
| If you have lived at the above address for less than 3 years, please give your previous address: |  |           |                       |             |           |

**Section 2: Proof of Identity**

To help establish your identity, your application must be accompanied by **two** official documents that between them clearly show your name, date of birth and current address. For example: driving licence, medical card, passport, birth/adoption certificate, or other official document that shows your name and address. Also, a recent, full face photograph of yourself.

Failure to provide this proof of identity may delay your application.

**Section 3 – Supply of Information**

You have a right, subject to certain exceptions, to receive a copy of the information in a permanent form. Do you wish to:

(a) Receive a permanent copy YES / NO

(b) Only view the information YES / NO

**Section 4 – Helping us find the Information**

If the information you have requested refers to a specific offence or incident, please complete this section.

Please complete a separate box in respect of different categories / incidents / involvement. Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

Were you (tick relevant box):

A person reporting an offence or incident

A witness to an offence or incident

A victim of an offence

A person accused or convicted of an offence

Other (please specify):

Date and time of incident:

Place incident happened:

Any other useful or identifying information:

**Section 5 – Declaration**

To be signed by the applicant.

The information that I have supplied in this application is correct and I am the person to whom it relates.

Signed: ..... Date .....

Print Name:

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**WARNING:** A person who impersonates or attempts to impersonate another person may be guilty of a criminal offence. Where impersonation is suspected, the Police will be informed.

Please ensure that all parts of this form have been completed and return a signed hard copy to:

The Parish Clerk  
Long Stratton Parish Council  
The Street  
Long Stratton  
NR15 2AD

Your request will be processed within 28 calendar days of receipt.

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**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Application checked and legible?

Date application received:

Identification documents checked?

Documents returned? YES / NO

Details of 2 documents supplied:

Incident report completed? YES / NO

Incident report no.

**Member of staff completing this section:**

Name:

Position:

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Signature:

Date:

**Appendix B**

**CCTV Operations System – Data Protection Act 1998  
Request from Police for Data held on CCTV**

Date and Time of Incident:

Details of Incident:

Signature of Police Officer:

Name and Collar Number of Police Officer:

Identity Card Checked:  
(If no, give reason):

YES / NO

Incident Report No:

Date Information Taken:

Member of Staff dealing with request:

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