

Greywell Parish Council

Appendix A: List of Documents for Retention or Disposal

Document	Minimum Retention Period	Reason	Location Retained	Disposal
Minutes	Indefinite	Archive	Cabinet with Clerk/ Computer	Original signed paper copies of Council minutes of meetings must be kept indefinitely in safe storage. The current year of minutes are with the Clerk. Past years are held in a locked cabinet at the village hall
Agendas	5 years	Management	As above	Bin (shred confidential waste)
Accident/incident reports	20 years	Potential claims	As above	Confidential waste. A list will be kept of those documents disposed of to meet the requirements of the GDPR regulations.
Scales of fees and charges	6 years	Management	As above	Bin
Receipt and payment accounts	Indefinite	Archive	As above	N/A
Receipt books of all kinds	6 years	VAT	As above	Bin (shred confidential waste)
Bank statements including deposit/savings accounts	Last completed audit	Audit	As above	Confidential waste
Bank paying-in books	Last completed audit	Audit	As above	Confidential waste
Cheque book stubs	Last completed audit year	Audit	As above	Confidential waste
Quotations and tenders	6 years	Limitation Act 1980 (as amended)	Cabinet with Clerk/ Computer	Confidential waste. A list will be kept of those documents disposed of to meet the requirements of the GDPR regulations.

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Paid invoices	6 years	VAT	As above	Confidential waste
Paid cheques	6 years	Limitation Act 1980 (as amended)	As above	Confidential waste
VAT records	6 years generally but 20 years for VAT on rents	VAT	As above	Confidential waste
Timesheets	Last completed audit 3 years	Audit (requirement) Personal injury (best practice)	As above	Bin
Annual Leave Records	6 years	Employment Law	As above	Bin
Wages books/payroll	12 years	Superannuation	As above	Confidential waste
Insurance policies	While valid (but see next two items below)	Management	As above	Bin
Insurance company names and policy numbers	Indefinite	Management	As above	N/A
Certificates for insurance against liability for employees	40 years from date on which insurance commenced or was renewed	The Employers' Liability (Compulsory Insurance) Regulations 1998 (SI 2753) Management	As above	Bin
Town Park equipment inspection reports	21 years	N/A	N/A	N/A
Title deeds, leases, agreements, contracts	Indefinite	Audit, Management	Cabinet with Clerk/Computer	N/A
Members' allowances register	6 years	Tax, Limitation Act 1980 (as amended)	Cabinet with Clerk/Computer	Confidential waste. A list will be kept of those documents disposed of to meet the requirements of the GDPR regulations.

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Information from other bodies e.g. circulars from county associations, NALC, principal authorities	Retained for as long as it is useful and relevant		As above	Bin
Local/historical information	Indefinite – to be securely kept for benefit of the Parish	Councils may acquire records of local interest and accept gifts or records of general and local interest in order to promote the use for such records (defined as materials in written or other form setting out facts or events or otherwise recording information)	As above	N/A

Documents from legal matters, negligence and other torts

Most legal proceedings are governed by the Limitation Act 1980 (as amended). The 1980 Act provides that legal claims may not be commenced after a specified period. Where the limitation periods are longer than other periods specified the documentation should be kept for the longer period specified. Some types of legal proceedings may fall within two or more categories.

If in doubt, keep for the longest of the three limitation periods.

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Negligence	6 years		Cabinet with Clerk/ Computer	Confidential waste
Defamation	1 year		As above	Confidential waste
Contract	6 years		As above	Confidential waste

Leases	12 years		As above	Confidential waste
Sums recoverable by statute	6 years		As above	Confidential waste
Personal injury	3 years		As above	Confidential waste
To recover land	12 years		As above	Confidential waste
Rent	6 years		As above	Confidential waste
Breach of trust	None		As above	Confidential waste
Trust deeds	Indefinite		As above	N/A

Planning Papers				
Applications	1 year	Management	As above	Bin
Appeals	1 year unless significant development	Management	As above	Bin
Trees	1 year	Management	As above	Bin
Local Development Plans	Retained as long as in force	Reference	As above	Bin
Local Plans	Retained as long as in force	Reference	As above	Bin
Town/Neighbourhood Plans	Indefinite – final adopted plans	Historical purposes	As above	N/A

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