STRETTON ON DUNSMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Data Breach Policy.

1. What is a Data Breach?

1.1 The GDPR legislation defines a personal data breach as “a breach of security leading to accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, alteration, unauthorised disclosure of, or access to, personal data transmitted, stored or otherwise processed”. Examples include:

a) Access by an unauthorised third party
b) Deliberate or accidental action (or inaction) by a controller or processor
c) Sending personal data to an incorrect recipient
d) Computing devices containing personal data being lost or stolen
e) Alteration of personal data without permission
f) Loss of availability of personal data

1.2 Stretton on Dunsmore Parish Council takes the security of personal data seriously, computers are password protected and hard copy files are kept in locked cabinets.

2. Our Duty to Report a Breach.

2.1 If the data breach is likely to result in a risk to the rights and freedoms of the individual, the breach must be reported to the individual and ICO without undue delay and, where feasible, not later than 72 hours after having become aware of the breach. The Data Protection Officer must be informed immediately so they are able to report the breach to the ICO in the 72 hour timeframe.

2.2 If the ICO is not informed within 72 hours, Stretton on Dunsmore Parish Council via the DPO must give reasons for the delay when they report the breach.

2.3 When notifying the ICO of a breach, Stretton on Dunsmore Parish Council must:

a) Describe the nature of the breach including the categories and approximate number of data subjects concerned and the categories and approximate number of personal data records concerned.
b) Communicate the name and contact details of the DPO.
c) Describe the likely consequences of the breach.
d) Describe the measures taken or proposed to be taken to address the personal data breach including, measures to mitigate its possible adverse effects.

2.4 When notifying the individual affected by the breach, Stretton on Dunsmore Parish Council must provide the individual with (b)-(d) above.

2.5 Stretton on Dunsmore Parish Council would not need to communicate with an individual if the following applies:

a) It has implemented appropriate technical and organisational measures (i.e. encryption) so those measures have rendered the personal data unintelligible to any person not authorised to access it;

b) It has taken subsequent measures to ensure that the high risk to rights and freedoms of individuals is no longer likely to materialise, or

c) It would involve a disproportionate effort.

2.6 However, the ICO must still be informed even if the above measures are in place.

3. Data Processors Duty to Inform Stretton on Dunsmore Parish Council.

3.1 If a data processor (i.e. domain host) becomes aware of a personal data breach, it must notify Stretton on Dunsmore Parish Council without undue delay. It is then Stretton on Dunsmore Parish Council's responsibility to inform the ICO, it is not the data processors responsibility to notify the ICO.

4. Records of Data Breaches

4.1 All data breaches must be recorded whether or not they are reported to individuals. This record will help to identify system failures and should be used as a way to improve the security of personal data.

Date of Breach	Type of Breach	Number of people impacted	Date Reported to ICO	Actions to prevent reoccurring breach

To report a breach, use the ICO link: https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/report-a-breach/

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