**Gazeley Parish Council**

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**RETENTION AND DISPOSAL OF RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS**

This policy details the minimum retention time required for council documents before disposal in order for the council to comply with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Publication Scheme. Where variable times are indicated the Council will review storage after the minimum period has elapsed. Staff are employed to assist the Parish Council in providing its services and are under no duty to assist members of the public in their dealings with third parties.

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| **Document** | **Minimum Period** | **Reason** |
| **MINUTES** |  |  |
| Approved minutes | Indefinite | Archive |
| Draft/rough/notes of minutes taken at meetings | Until minutes are approved | Management |
| **FINANCE** |  |  |
| Receipt and Payment Accounts | Indefinite | Archive |
| Paid invoices | 6 years | VAT |
| VAT records | 6 years | VAT |
| Bank Statements | Last completed audit year | Audit |
| Paying in books | Last completed audit year | Audit |
| Cheque stubs | Last completed audit year | Audit |
| Scales of fees and charges | 5 years | Management |
| Members allowances register | 6 years | Tax, Statute of Limitations |
| **PLANNING** |  |  |
| Permissions | 6 years | Compliance |
| Permissions - on appeal | Indefinite | Precedent |
| Permissions - commercial or development | Indefinite | Future compliance |
| Refusals | 2 years | Appeals |
| **INSURANCE** |  |  |
| Insurance policies | 2 years | Management |
| Certificates of Employers’  Liability Insurance | 40 years | Limitation period |
| **OTHER** |  |  |
| Quotations and tenders | 12 years /indefinite | Statute of Limitations |
| Title deeds, leases, agreements, contracts | Indefinite | Audit, Management |
| Routine correspondence, papers & emails | | Retain as long as useful |
| Notes from meetings | Until minutes are confirmed | Minutes are signed |

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