Askham Bryan Parish Council Website Accessibility Statement

Askham Bryan Parish Council is committed to providing a website that is accessible to the widest possible audience, regardless of technology or ability.

We are in the process of ensuring our pages comply with the rules[1]

We are in the process of creating a new website which will retain much of the content of the existing site but which will be better for those who experience difficulties with sites which don't obey the rules.

We acknowledge that this is a work in progress and, in order to ensure no user is disadvantaged while this work is carried out, Askham Bryan Parish Council intends to respond to all requests for help in good time.

If there is anything which cannot be read, then please email the Clerk, Clerk@AskhamBryanPC.Org.UK who will provide the information requested in a different format wherever possible. Please bear in mind that the Clerk works part time, it would help if any request for information uses the subject title "Accessibility Request". If anyone has difficulty in viewing our website content, we welcome feedback and will seek to put right any issues drawn to our attention.

We are committed to;

- Using documents which can be read with text-reading technology wherever possible
- Allowing the option to open documents as a new Window.
- Allowing users to zoom in on a screen
- Allowing the size of the text the user sees on screen to be adjusted.
- Using black text on a white background as the default setting.
- Avoiding coloured or patterned backgrounds.
- Where images are posted, to provide a text description.
- To allow our website to be viewed regardless of which web browser the user chooses.
- To allow our website to be viewed regardless of whether the user is using a computer, laptop, tablet, ipad, Smartphone or any other device.
- Where possible, we will avoid "Click Here" links to documents and instead, make the link more descriptive of the document to which the link refers.
- If a document cannot be opened in a new window or tab and opening it overwrites the page being viewed, we will reference that information so that users are aware before clicking on the link.
- We are committed to using plain English and to avoiding excessive use of acronyms.

[1] The standard we are working towards is known as the AA standard of the W3C Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG).

Revision history

Version	Date	Summary of Changes
1	15/10/20	Adopted by the Parish Council meeting of 15th October 2020.
2	28/11/24	The words at the end of the policy "*Further, we are committed to having the new website running by the end of 2020.*" removed.