

## ***Ansty and Staplefield Parish Council Accessibility Statement***

### ***Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No.2) Accessibility Regulations 2018***

The Regulations came into force on 23 September 2018 and implement the EU Directive on the accessibility of websites and mobile apps of public sector bodies. The purpose is to improve the accessibility of public sector websites (including Parish Council sites) so that they can be used by as many people as possible – this builds on the existing obligations to disabled people under the Equality Act 2010 and the duty to make reasonable adjustments for disabled people.

### ***Accessibility Statement for Ansty and Staplefield Parish Council Website***

This website is run by Ansty and Staplefield Parish Council. We want as many people as possible to be able to use this website. The website layout and text has been made as simple as possible to understand. Visitors should be able to navigate the website using just a mouse, mouse pointer and keyboard. You should be able to zoom in up to 300% without the text spilling off the screen. The government has produced an excellent guide for disabled computer users. This can be found at AbilityNet <https://www.abilitynet.org.uk/> It has detailed advice on making devices easier to use and covers such things as making screen images and text larger using a text reader to convert text to sound, using Voice Recognition to control the computer, increasing mouse pointer sizes etc.

### ***Technical Information about this website's accessibility***

Ansty and Staplefield Parish Council is committed to making its website documents accessible, in accordance with the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018.

The [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines \(WCAG\)](#) defines requirements for designers and developers to improve accessibility for people with disabilities. It defines three levels of conformance: Level A, Level AA, and Level AAA. Ansty and Staplefield Parish Council is partially conformant with WCAG 2.1 level AA. Partially conformant means that some parts of the content do not fully conform to the accessibility standard.

### ***Limitations and alternatives***

Despite our best efforts to ensure accessibility of the Ansty and Staplefield Parish Council website, there may be some limitations. Below is a description of known limitations, and potential solutions. Please contact us if you observe an issue not listed below.

Known limitations for Ansty and Staplefield Parish Council:

- Some older PDFs may not comply. Older documents have not been converted as accessible due to the time involved however particular documents can be converted upon request.
- Most but not all menus, links and buttons can be operated by the keyboard.
- There is only one way to find content i.e. there is no search engine.

- Where extra content is shown or hidden on focus, it cannot be dismissed, interacted with (and not disappear when the user moves to it) and does not stay visible until dismissed by the user.
- You cannot skip to the main content when using a screen reader
- ARIA markup has not been used (See below for definition of ARIA)

These items have been discussed with our Website designers who are currently working on a rebuild which will incorporate ARIA markup standards and make us fully compliant.

### ***How this site was tested.***

This site was tested in August 2020 by Liz Bennett, Clerk to the Council using a WCAG 2.1 checklist and the WAVE Evaluation Tool.

### ***What to do if you cannot access part of this website:***

If you need information on this website in a different format e.g. PDF or large print please contact Liz Bennett at [clerk@anstystaplefield-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@anstystaplefield-pc.gov.uk) or telephone 07437 703411. We will consider your request and get back to you within 10 working days.

### ***Reporting accessibility problems with this website***

We are always looking to improve the accessibility of our website. If you find any problems or you think we are not meeting the accessibility requirements, contact the Clerk, Liz Bennett at [clerk@anstystaplefield-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@anstystaplefield-pc.gov.uk).

### ***Enforcement Procedure***

The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) is responsible for enforcing the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 (the 'accessibility regulations' If you are not happy with how we respond to your complaint, contact Equality Advisory and Support Service (EASS) (<https://www.equalityadvisoryservice.com/>).

#### **\* Definition of ARIA:**

WAI-ARIA, the Accessible Rich Internet Applications Suite, defines a way to make Web content and Web applications more accessible to people with disabilities. It especially helps with dynamic content and advanced user interface controls developed with Ajax, HTML, JavaScript, and related technologies. Currently, certain functionality used in Web sites is not available to some users with disabilities, especially people who rely on screen readers and people who cannot use a mouse. WAI-ARIA addresses these accessibility challenges, for example, by defining new ways for functionality to be provided to assistive technology. With WAI-ARIA, developers can make advanced Web applications accessible and usable to people with disabilities.