ACCESSIBITJ TY STATEMENT PREPARED BY TIIE CLERK MRS BENNETT SEPTEMBER 2020

This website is run by the clerk Mrs. V. Bennett and monitored by Hugo Fox. 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.

The government has produced an excellent guide for disabled computer users, this can be found at Ability Net (https://mcmw.abilitynet.org.!!!0 it has detailed advice on making your device easier to use. This covers such things as making your screen images and text larger, using a text reader to convert text to sound, using Voice Recognition to control your computer, increasing mouse pointer sizes etc., etc.,

Technical information about this website's accessibility:-
Whatlington Parish Council is committed to making its website accessible, in accordance with the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018. This website is compliant with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines version 2.1 (https://www.w3.TR.WCAG2 l/)AA standard. Following a detailed examination of our website's features against the detailed government check list we have identified some areas where we are not fully compliant and these have been amended
*There is only one way to find content (i.e. no search engine)
ARIA (see below for definition) mark-up has not been used
These items were discussed with our Website designers who workedon a rebuild which will incorporate ARIA mark-up standards and make us fully compliant.

How we test the Website
The website has been tested by Hugo Fox, an issue of changing font colours was found and has being amended. The site has also been checked for accessibility by our Newsletter editor Steve Turner who recommended consideration of Screen Readers, but thought that the usage and cost may not be viable. Our provider Hugo Fox has advised that users of the website should install Screen Readers on their own computers.

Whatl to do if you cannot access part of this website or have any problems with accessibility
We are always looking to improve the accessibility of our website. If you find any problems that are not already listed or do not meet the accessibility requirements and if you need information on this website in a different format, large print etc., please contact the Clerk Mrs. Bennett on clerk@,whatlingtonparishcouncil.com or 07923 408569. Your request will be considered and wewill get back to you in 10 working days.

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 the Equality Advisory and Support Service (EASS) (https://v...vw.egualityadvisoryservice.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.