

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 January 2026 09:00
To: Blidworth Council
Cc: Cllr Dear; Cllr Smith
Subject: Response to Notice Issued on 16 January 2026 & Formal Requests Under FOIA and GDPR

To
Blidworth Parish Council / Clerk / Chair HR & Employment Committee

Thank you for your email dated 15 January 2026.

1. Clarification Regarding the Meeting of 13 January

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3. Freedom of Information Act Request – Clerk’s Contract

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I formally request a copy of the Clerk’s contract, including:

- Job title
- Job description
- Contracted weekly hours
- Pay scale / spinal column point
- Allowances
- Expenses policy
- Training requirements
- Recruitment process information

Under GDPR, I request that the Clerk’s home address, personal contact details, email addresses, personal phone numbers, and signatures be redacted.

My reason for this request is the statement made by Councillor Bates at the Parish Council meeting

on 15 January 2026, where he claimed that “20% of the Clerk’s time was taken answering residents’ emails costing roughly £15,000 to £16,000.”

Based on these figures, the implied hourly rate would be approximately £69–£73 per hour. I am seeking clarity to understand how these figures were calculated.

4. Freedom of Information Act Request – Precept and Financial Information

Under FOIA, I request:

- All financial precept figures for 2026–2027
- Any supporting documentation presented to councillors
- A breakdown of the last three years of income and expenditure
- Any documents explaining the reasons for the proposed precept increase

At the meeting, the budget was presented with minimal detail, and no documentation was made available to the public. As a ratepayer, I am entitled to understand how public funds are being used, particularly given repeated statements by the Clerk that the Parish has “very low funds” and that reserves are reduced.

5. Freedom of Information Act Request – Section 106 Working Party

I request all information relating to the Section 106 working party, including:

- Any plans or proposals
- Notes or minutes of meetings
- All correspondence or discussions with NSDC

This request is prompted by comments made publicly by Councillor Dear.

6. Confirmation Required Within 7 Days

Please confirm within 7 days whether the Parish Council intends to comply with these FOI requests.

If I do not receive confirmation within that timeframe, I will assume that the Council is applying the Habitual and Vexatious Policy to these statutory requests.

7. Final Clarification

I wish to make it clear that the time spent addressing these matters arises solely from the Parish Council providing false, misleading, or incomplete information, and from its failure to answer legitimate questions raised by residents.

This situation is not the fault of residents who are simply seeking transparency and accuracy from their elected representatives.

I look forward to your confirmation.

Yours sincerely,

