

## Otterhampton Parish Council Policy Flying of Flags on the Combwich Village Flagpole

### 1. Purpose

This policy sets out the Parish Council's approach to the flying of flags on Council-owned property. The Council recognises that flags are a traditional means of celebration, commemoration, and community expression. At the same time, the Council has a responsibility to ensure that the flying of flags reflects the values of inclusivity, unity, and respect within the parish.

### 2. Appropriate Flags

- a. Flags will be flown only where approved by the Parish Council.
- b. The Union Flag and other recognised national or regional flags may be flown on designated dates of national or local significance.
- c. Additional flags may be flown in support of events or occasions that have been formally approved by resolution of the Parish Council.

### 3. Specific Dates

- a. A calendar of approved dates for flag flying will be maintained by the Parish Council and made publicly available.
- b. Flags may also be flown at half-mast on days of mourning, in line with national guidance or at the Council's discretion.

### 4. Discretion of the Parish Council

- a. During periods of political or social tension, or where the display of a flag may reasonably be regarded as contentious, the Parish Council reserves the right to exercise its discretion to prohibit the flying of flags on Council property.
- b. Decisions will be taken with regard to the need to maintain public order, community harmony, and the reputation of the Parish Council.

### 5. Implementation and Review

- a. This policy will be administered by the Parish Clerk under the direction of the Council.
- b. The policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure it remains appropriate and relevant to the needs of the community.

### 6. Flags are to be flown as per table

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| Date                        | Event                                       | Flag                                      | Duration |
|-----------------------------|---|---|----------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> March       | St Davids Day                               | Y Ddraig Goch (The Red Dragon)            | 1 day    |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> March      | Commonwealth Day                            | Union Flag                                | 1 day    |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> March      | St Patrick's Day                            | Saltire (red background and white cross)  | 1 day    |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> April       | Wedding Anniversary of His Majesty The King | Union Flag                                | 1 day    |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> April      | St Georges Day                              | St Georges Cross                          | 1 day    |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> May         | Coronation Day of His Majesty the King      | Union Flag                                | 1 day    |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> May        | Somerset Day                                | Somerset County Flag                      | 1 day    |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> June       | Official Birthday of His Majesty the King   | Union Flag                                | 1 day    |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> June       | Birthday of HRH The Prince of Wales         | Union Flag                                | 1 day    |
| Last Sat. of June           | Armed Forces Day                            | Armed Forces Flag                         | 1 week   |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> July       | Birthday of Her Majesty the Queen           | Union Flag                                | 1 day    |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> September   | Accession Day of His Majesty the King       | Union Flag                                | 1 day    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun of Nov. | Remembrance Day                             | Union Flag                                | 1 day    |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> November   | St Andrews Day                              | Saltire (blue background and white cross) | 1 day    |
| 25 December                 | Christmas                                   | Christmas Flag                            | 2 weeks  |
|                             |   | Somerset County Flag                      | Default  |

**Review date:** As dictated by National and local events.