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Chacewater Parish Council is committed to transparent, lawful, and effective governance in accordance with its statutory duties and established protocols. As an elected local authority under UK local government law, the Council follows recognised procedures in how it conducts its business, considers issues affecting the community, and makes decisions.

While the Council values constructive input from residents, community organisations, volunteers, local interest groups, and other stakeholders, it is not able to formally adopt or affiliate with action groups, protest groups, or campaign organisations as a representative body of the parish.

Any information or views received from such groups will be considered in the context of the Council's statutory powers, responsibilities, and decision-making processes, but the existence or advocacy of external groups will not alter the Council's procedural requirements or governance obligations.

Decisions of the Parish Council can only be made:

- at properly convened meetings with a lawful quorum;
- in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, and relevant legislation; or
- on the basis of evidence, professional advice where appropriate, and due consideration of all relevant representations.

The Council will not be directed or compelled to make decisions outside of these procedures or its adopted protocols, including by any external group or campaign, regardless of the level of interest or advocacy presented.

All individuals and organisations are welcome to submit comments and participate respectfully through recognised channels (such as public participation at meetings, written submissions, or formal consultations) in line with the Council's Public Participation Policy.