



## Hemingford Abbots Parish Council Retention of Documents and Records

Hemingford Abbots Parish Council has adopted the following policy which details the minimum retention time required for Council documents before disposal in order for the Council to comply with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Publication Scheme. Where variable times are indicated the Council will review storage after the minimum period has elapsed.

Document	Minimum Period	Reason
<b>MINUTES</b>		
Approved minutes	Indefinite	Archive
Draft/rough/notes of minutes taken at meetings	Until minutes are approved	Management
<b>FINANCE</b>		
Receipt and Payment Accounts	Indefinite	Archive
Paid invoices	6 years	VAT
VAT records	6 years	VAT
Bank Statements	Last completed audit year	Audit
Paying in books	Last completed audit year	Audit
Cheque stubs	Last completed audit year	Audit
Scales of fees and charges	5 years	Management
Members allowances register	6 years	Tax, Statute of Limitations
<b>INSURANCE</b>		
Insurance policies	2 years	Management
Certificates of Employers' Liability Insurance	40 years	Limitation period
<b>OTHER</b>		
Quotations and tenders	12 years /indefinite	Statute of Limitations
Title deeds, leases, agreements, contracts	Indefinite	Audit, Management

Routine correspondence, papers &  
emails

Notes from meetings

Until minutes are  
confirmed

Retain as long as useful

Minutes are signed