**POLICY FOR THE FLAG IN THE MARKET SQUARE[[1]](#footnote-1)**

The flag and the Market Square belong to the Parish Council. Given that any decision to lower the flag to half-mast will normally need to be taken quickly, and to avoid partiality, it was agreed on 7th June 2017 to have a policy to aid in this decision.

The Clerk should arrange for the immediate lowering of the flag under the following circumstances.

* The death of the Monarch or their Consort
* The death of the Heir Apparent or their Spouse
* The death of a child of the Monarch or Heir Apparent
* The death of a serving or former Prime Minister, or the serving Leader of the Opposition
* The death of a serving Parish, Ward or Division Councillor
* The death of a former Parish Council Chairman
* If the Government has declared a day/period of national mourning
* If requested, in writing or by phone, by a majority of serving councillors (minimum five), or by twenty-five or more residents

The flag should continue at half-mast until the funeral of the person concerned above, or the end of the period of mourning.

It should be recognised that the flag is currently not raised or lowered by a Councillor or Council employee, but by a resident of the Village. It may therefore not be possible to action this immediately.

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1. And any others Council may acquire [↑](#footnote-ref-1)