

Corston Parish Council

Recreation Ground, Meadlands Corston

Access Policy

Following a number of incidents, where vehicles have been driven onto the Recreation Ground, and in response to concerns raised by Parishioners that unauthorised access and/or storage of vehicles may lead to damage to, or illegal occupation of the Recreation Ground Field or Valley Field, or health and safety risks to other users of the Playing Field or Valley Field Corston, the Parish Council has undertaken a review of the terms of the lease for use of the land granted by the Duchy of Cornwall and from that have issued this access policy.

The review has confirmed that the Parish Council has an obligation under paragraph 5.16 of the lease between the Duchy of Cornwall and the Parish Council, to ensure that:

“Not at any time during the term [of the lease] to do or cause or suffer to be done upon the demised premises [the Recreation Ground and Valley Field] or any part thereof any act matter or thing which may be or grow to be a nuisance annoyance damage disturbance offence or inconvenience to His Royal Highness or to the owners or occupiers of any neighbouring or adjoining premises”

To ensure compliance with the terms of the lease, the Parish Council has agreed the following access policy:

1. Short-term access to the Recreation Ground by two or four wheel vehicles or trailers will be only be permitted for purposes approved by the Parish Council prior to access being exercised.
2. The Access is to be controlled at the SW and SE corners with the installation of lockable bollards.
3. Permission for access will be granted in the absolute discretion of the Parish Council for what it considers is for a legitimate reason that allows the Parish Council to fulfil its obligations as tenant under the lease.
4. The procedure for obtaining access from the Parish Council is for the person seeking it to write to or email the Corston Parish Clerk indicating when and for how long access is requested and for what purpose. The email of the clerk is: corstonparishclerk@outlook.com.
5. Any permission granted will be access for the period of time and for the purpose permitted.
6. Further, if at any time during access that has been permitted in the opinion of the Parish Council the terms of access are not being adhered to then the Parish Council reserves the right, in its absolute discretion, to terminate the permission for access forthwith and require immediate removal of the vehicle or trailer from the land.

7. Any vehicle or trailer on the Recreation Ground at the date of this policy which has not obtained permission must be removed immediately and permission for access must be obtained.

Parish Clerk

25.06.2020

Appendix: Letter to parishioners drawing attention to the policy

Dear

At the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th November 2019 Corston Parish Council agreed the following policy for access to the Playing Field by two or four wheel vehicles or trailers:

1. Short-term access to the Playing Field by two or four wheel vehicles or trailers will be only be permitted for purposes approved by the Corston Parish Council
2. Access will be controlled at the SW and SE corners by the installation of lockable bollards
3. Permission for access will be granted for legitimate reasons on written application to the Corston Parish Clerk
4. [Additions from John T]

This policy reflects obligations placed on Corston Parish Council under the terms of its lease with the Duchy of Cornwall to “avoid nuisance annoyance damage disturbance offence or inconvenience to His Royal Highness or to the owners or occupiers of any neighbouring or adjoining premises”.

In this respect we request that any vehicle or trailer currently parked on the Recreation Ground is removed within 28 days. Any permission granted previously either verbally or in writing is rescinded in the light of this decision.

In future, access will be granted for temporary legitimate reasons on application to the Parish Clerk. Requests can be made by emailing corstonparishclerk@outlook.com Requests should include the reasons for access and expected duration.

Should vehicles or trailers not be removed in accordance with this request the Council may take any necessary action to remove them and recover costs where necessary.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Kind regards

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