

# Ravenfield Parish Council

## Community use of outdoor spaces - principles of use

Ravenfield Parish Council has responsibility for the provision & maintenance of the outdoor spaces for use by and the benefit of the community - Hollings Lane & Jubilee Field.

The purpose of this document is to highlight our aims and responsibilities towards the spaces in order to provide clear guidelines to users & the community. These may include existing, new and local initiatives.

Nothing in this document shall be construed as creating a partnership, a joint venture, a contract of employment or a relationship of principal and agent between the parties.

For the purpose of this document:

**Community Use** means use of the outdoor space by the local community including organised clubs, organisations and for casual use.

**Development** means any changes for which Planning Permission has been granted.

### 1. Aims of the outdoor spaces

The use of outdoor spaces is to:

- Provide opportunities for the local community and organisations to participate in sport and physical activity for health improvement and development of their skills.
- Generate positive attitudes in sport and physical activity by young people.
- Increase the number of people of all ages and abilities participating in sport and physical activity including people with disabilities.
- Encourage and stimulate competition that is inclusive of young people and adults.
- Provide affordable access to the facilities and to be self financing in terms of community use.
- Offer opportunities for local businesses to benefit from their use.

### 2. Ravenfield Parish Council responsibility

Ravenfield Parish Council will be responsible for the outdoor spaces and shall:-

- Resource, control and routinely ensure the maintenance of the outdoor spaces in a manner that will allow achievement of the agreed aims
- Ensure that the outdoor spaces comply with all legislation and guidance in force at the time
- Promote and forward plan large scale activities that may impact our community.
- Operate a bookings system for Casual Use and block booking, which will be reviewed on an annual basis.
- contribute towards maintenance, repairs and ultimately renewal of fixed life elements of any equipment purchased by Ravenfield Parish Council.
- not materially reduce the level of community access to the outdoor spaces required by Planning Permission without the prior written approval of the local planning authority following consultation with the local community.

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## Displacing Community Use for large scale events

In the event that an outdoor space is booked for a large scale event community use can be displaced providing the following conditions are met:

- A minimum of 4 weeks' advance notice is given.
- A replacement space is offered that is suitable for the activity.
- A community use pre booked session has not already been advertised.

Community use bookings will be made aware at the point of booking an outdoor space that it may be subject to change due to other demands on the space. Such changes will be communicated with a minimum of 4 weeks in advance of the booking and alternative appropriate space will be arranged at no additional cost.