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LITTON PARISH COUNCIL VILLAGE GREEN REGULATIONS FOR CRESSBROOK , LITTON MILL , AND LITTON

Introduction

Maps showing the location of the Village Greens are attached to this document.

All the Village Greens are owned by the Parish Council.

Litton Village Green comprises 16 separate pieces of land spread across the village. Cressbrook and Litton Mill Village Greens are single plots.

Litton Village Green is a Registered Village Green and consequently has considerable statutory protection which is designed to ensure that it is kept in perpetuity for public enjoyment and recreation. The Parish Council Regulations which apply to Litton Village Green are based on Government guidance and it is a criminal offence to breach them.

Cressbrook and Litton Mill are not Registered Village Greens but are owned by the Parish Council which is committed to ensuring that they are also maintained in perpetuity for public enjoyment and recreation.

Regulations applying to the Use of Village Greens

1. All Village Greens are available for residents and visitors to use for informal recreation and enjoyment free of charge
2. All Village Greens are available to be used, free of charge , for communal events organized by residents for the benefit of the whole community.
3. Use, other than that specified in Regulation 1 and 2 above , is subject to the Regulations set out below.

Regulations for Cressbrook Village Green

Permission is required from the Parish Council for any event or use of the Village Green which does not fall under Regulation 1 or 2.

Permission must be sought by writing to the Clerk setting out the purpose and arrangements for the proposed event or use. The Parish Council will consider applications on a case by case basis and whether a licence and / or a charge are required.

Regulations for Litton Mill Village Green

Permission is required from the Parish Council for any event or use of the Village Green which does not fall under Regulation 1 or 2.

With the exception of the use of the tarmacadam area of the Village Green as an emergency

car park permission must be sought by writing to the Clerk setting out the purpose and arrangements for the proposed event or use. The Parish Council will consider applications on a case by case basis and whether a licence and / or a charge are required.

Regulations for Litton Village Green

Permission is required from the Parish Council for any event or use of the Village Green which does not fall under Regulation 1.

Approval for events or use under Regulation 2 are a formality to ensure double bookings are avoided and to allow the Parish Council to co-ordinate any routine grounds maintenance work. Please notify the Clerk to the Council of the proposed event or use, together with any specific requests for help, and confirmation will be given that the event or use can take place.

Permission is required from the Parish Council for events or use under Regulation 3. Permission must be sought by writing to the Clerk setting out the purpose and arrangements for the proposed event or use. The Parish Council will consider applications or regularize existing practice by reference to the following Regulations.

Regulation 3 A. Do not drive over or park in full or in part on the Village Green.

EXCEPTION: The Parish Council may grant a licence to residents who would have no vehicular access to their land/property without crossing the Village Green.

An annual fee of £ 12 will be payable.

Regulation 3 B. Do not disturb the soil of the Village Green such as by digging holes; planting trees, bushes, bulbs and flowers ; erecting sign posts and tents ; building a path; pursuing horticulture or mowing the grass or any other activity or work which disturbs the soil.

EXCEPTION: The Parish Council is predisposed to grant a licence for the occasional and temporary disturbance of the Village Green for an event eg wedding or charity fund raising

A fee of between £10 and £50 a day will usually be payable and a refundable deposit of up to £100 will be required to cover the cost to the Parish Council of making good any damage to the Village Green not repaired fully and properly by the licensee.

EXCEPTION: The Parish Council itself may from time to time undertake maintenance work to the Village Green.

Regulation 3 C. Do not damage fences or walls, dump soil, waste or rubbish on the Village Green and do not take animals, including horses, on to the Village Green.

EXCEPTION: Dogs under supervision may be exercised on the Village Green and dog mess must be cleared up immediately.

Regulation 3 D. Do not fence or wall in any part of the Village Green or extend the boundary of your property on to the Village Green.

EXCEPTION: The Council may consider the continuation of any licenced agreement made by the Parish Council prior to the date of these regulations.

An annual fee will be set at the time of the agreement.

Regulation 3 E. Do not interrupt or in any way deter others' use or enjoyment of the Village Green.

EXCEPTION: Residents may from time to time need to use the Village Green for their own purpose eg temporary storage of building materials or skips. A licence for such use must be sought from the Parish Council in advance.

A fee will usually be payable of between £5 and £10 a day and a refundable deposit of up to £200 will be required to cover the cost to the Parish Council of making good any damage to the Village Green not repaired fully and properly by the licensee.

EXCEPTION: The Parish Council may grant a licence for non - permanent signs or structures such as a trading stall (see Annex A attached) to be placed on the Village Green.

A fee will usually be payable of between £10 and £50 a year.

Legal status of the Regulations applying to Litton Village Green

Government guidance emphasises that it is a criminal offence to breach regulations 3A to 3E listed in bold above.

The Parish Council do not anticipate that it will be necessary, but it has the power to take legal action to enforce the regulations which it is asking residents and visitors to follow. The cost of such action will be met from Council Tax.

All the Parish Council's fees and charges are reviewed annually by the Council.

CLERK TO THE PARISH COUNCIL