

Permitted Activity Policy for the Parish Council Owned St Aubyns field

1. Purpose:

The purpose of this permitted activity policy is to establish guidelines for the appropriate use of the St Aubyns Community field owned by Rottingdean Parish Council, ensuring the safety, enjoyment, and preservation of the space for all visitors.

2. Permitted Activities:

2.1. Recreational Activities:

- Walking, jogging, and running on designated pathways.
- Picnicking in designated areas with proper waste disposal.
- Playing sports in designated areas, adhering to posted rules and regulations.

2.2. Leisure Activities:

- Reading, painting, drawing, and similar quiet activities in designated zones.
- Photography for personal use, respecting privacy and safety of others.

2.3. Events and Gatherings:

- Organized events and gatherings with prior approval from the parish council.
- Family gatherings, birthday parties, and similar small-scale events in designated areas.

2.4. Educational and Community Activities:

- Environmental education programs.
- Volunteer-led activities such as clean-up events and tree planting initiatives.
- Community gardening in designated areas with prior approval.

2.5. Dog Walking:

- Walking dogs on a leash in designated dog-friendly areas.
- Proper waste disposal by dog owners in provided bins.

2.6. Outdoor Exercise Classes

- The Council will permit upon application, free of charge, free to attend classes of either physical activity or mindfulness. Maximum attendance 20 persons. Organisers are responsible for their participants and must have and provide copies of adequate public liability insurance for their specific activity in line with Parish Council Rules and regulations for the Community Field no loud music will be allowed, and organisers must ensure that they do not obstruct and pathways or other activities, or cause nuisance to other users.

3. Prohibited Activities:

3.1. Motorized Vehicles:

- Operation of motorized vehicles including cars, motorcycles, ATVs, and drones.

3.2. Vandalism and Damage:

- Defacement or damage to park property, including graffiti and littering.
- Removal or destruction of plants, trees, or wildlife.

3.3. Unauthorized Commercial Activities:

- Sales, marketing, or advertising without prior approval from the parish council.

3.4. Alcohol and Substance Use:

- Consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal substances.

3.5. Noise Disturbance:

- Excessive noise that disturbs other park users or nearby residents.

3.6. Fires and Barbecues:

- The council prohibits the use of BBQs, campfires, and fireworks in the field. Disposable BBQs and naked flames are a fire hazard, charcoal BBQs add to global warming and the components of BBQs and campfires adds to littering problems. Fireworks are dangerous and a fire hazard. BBQs and Fireworks will only be allowed in conjunction with a fully permissioned organised and risk assessed public event.

3.7. Pets:

- Allowing pets to roam freely, except in designated dog-friendly areas and when properly leashed.

3.8. Hazardous Activities:

- Dangerous or hazardous activities that pose a risk to public safety.

Sky Lanterns are prohibited from use in public spaces because; they are a risk to farm animals and wildlife as they can ingest the wires in a spent lantern frame, risk aircraft by distracting a pilot or ignite crops bracken or a thatched roof.

4. Enforcement:

4.1. Designated personnel appointed by the parish council shall monitor and enforce this policy.

4.2. Rottingdean Parish Council's open spaces are subject to the City Council's current Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) and as such members of the public may be fined for not removing dog waste, allowing dogs to enter fenced play areas, or not putting their dog on a lead when requested to by an enforcement officer.

4.3. Violations of this policy may result in warnings, fines, or expulsion from the park, depending on the severity of the offense.

4.4. Rottingdean Parish Council reserves the right to alter this policy at any time and/or to prohibit any individual, business or organisation from using the Council's open spaces if they violate any terms of this policy.

5. Disclaimer:

5.1. The parish council shall not be held liable for any accidents, injuries, or damages that occur as a result of non-compliance with this policy. Visitors are responsible for their own safety and well-being while using the park facilities.

6. Contact Information:

6.1. For inquiries, concerns, or reporting violations of this policy, please contact the parish council at parish.clerk@rottingdean-pc.gov.uk

This permitted activity policy is effective as of 28th June 2024 and supersedes any previous policies or guidelines related to the use of the parish council-owned public park.