

FOSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR FOSTON PLAYING FIELDS

Foston Playing Field, MUGA and Children's Play Area, Chapel Lane, Foston, Lincolnshire NG32 2JZ are owned and managed by Foston Parish Council and set aside for the use and enjoyment of the public for the purposes of sport, relaxation, and children's play.

All enquiries should be made to the Clerk to Foston Parish Council (01522 889737) clerk@fostonnpc-lincs.uk

In order that the playing fields may be properly and effectively managed and maintained as valuable recreational amenities for the benefit of the local community, the following Rules and Regulations are to be observed at all times by any persons using the fields and Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) and children's play area. Foston residents will always have priority unless an official reservation has been made via the Parish Clerk.

GENERAL

Throughout these Rules and Regulations, the term 'the Council' shall mean Foston Parish Council. The expression 'consent' shall mean the written authorisation of the Council. The expression 'ground' shall mean Foston Playing Field, MUGA and children's play area.

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PROTECTION OF THE GROUND, ITS WILDLIFE AND THE PUBLIC

Protection of structures and plants

- 1. No person shall without the consent of the Council, remove from or displace within the ground:
 - a) any barrier, post, goal post, seat or implement, or any part of a structure or ornament provided for use in the laying out or maintenance of the ground; or
 - b) any stone, soil or turf or the whole or any part of any plant, shrub or tree.

Unauthorised erection of structures

- 2. No person shall without the consent of the Council erect any barrier, post, goal post seat, ride or swing, building, plant, shrub or tree or any other structure.

Fly Tipping

- 3. Fly tipping is the illegal dumping of waste e.g. all garden waste, builder's waste, white goods, wood, metal, etc and will not be tolerated. The Council will seek to prosecute anyone caught fly tipping.

Grazing

- 4. No person shall turn out or permit any animal for which he is responsible to graze in the ground.

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Gates

5. No person shall enter or leave the fields other than by an authorised entrance or exit. The main access gate will be kept closed unless arranged with the Council.

Camping

6. No person shall without the consent of the Council erect a tent or use a vehicle, caravan or any other structure for the purpose of camping

Fires

7. No persons shall without the consent of the Council, light any fire, barbecue or other outdoor cooking/heating implement.

Balloons and Lanterns

8. No persons, shall without the consent of the Council, propel or discharge any helium balloons or kites. Any other device likely to cause harm to animals, people, or buildings; like Chinese type inflammable lanterns are not allowed.

Missiles

9. No person shall throw or use any device to propel or discharge in the ground any object which is liable to cause injury to any other person

Horses

10. No person shall ride a horse unless it is for in an event approved and organised with the consent of the Council..

Dogs

11. No dogs (except Guide Dogs) being used as such by their owner are permitted on the field

PLAY AREAS, GAMES AND SPORTS

Football and Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)

12. The MUGA facility is provided by Foston Parish Council for the benefit of Foston residents.

- a) Open access is permitted between the hours of 09:00 and dusk on a first come first served basis with priority given to Foston residents unless a formal booking of the facility has been made by contacting Foston Parish Council
- b) No boots with studs are to be worn when using the MUGA

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- c) Long Bennington Junior Football Club shall, with their written Agreement with the Council enjoy the use of the agreed area of Foston Playing Field.

Cycles and powered vehicles

13. No person shall, without the consent of the Council, bring or cause to be brought into any part of the fields, any motorcycle or other powered vehicle

Children's play apparatus

14. No person aged 12 years or over shall use any apparatus intended for the exclusive use of persons under the age of 12 years.

Archery

15. No person shall engage in the sport of archery except in connection with an event organised by or held with the consent of the Council.

Field sports

16. No person shall throw or put any javelin, hammer, discus or shot except in connection with an event organised by or held with the consent of the Council

Golf

17. No person shall drive, chip or pitch a hard golf ball.

Model aircraft and drones

18. No person shall, without the consent of the Council, cause any power-driven model aircraft, drone or similar, to:

- a) take off or otherwise be released for flight or control the flight of such an aircraft in the ground; or
- b) land in the ground without reasonable excuse

OTHER REGULATED ACTIVITIES

Provision of services

19. No person shall without the consent of the Council provide or offer to provide any service for which a charge is made.

Excessive noise

20. No person shall, make or permit to be made any noise which is so loud or so continuous or repeated as to give reasonable cause for annoyance to other persons in the ground and neighbouring buildings by:

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- a) shouting or singing;
- b) playing on a musical instrument; or
- c) by operating or permitting to be operated any radio, amplifier, or similar device.

Public shows and performances

21. a) No person shall without the consent of the Council hold or take part in any public show or performance.
- b) No person shall, without the consent of the Council, organise or participate in any religious service, public meeting, assembly, rally or demonstration, whether of a political or any other nature, on the fields.

Aircraft, hang gliders and hot air balloons

22. No person shall, except in case of emergency or with the consent of the Council, take off from or land in the ground in an aircraft, helicopter, hang glider or hot air balloon.

Kites

23. No person shall fly any kite in such a manner as to cause danger or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to any other person.

Metal detectors

24. No person shall without the consent of the Council use any device designed or adapted for detecting or locating any metal or mineral in the ground.

MISCELLANEOUS

Obstruction

25. No person shall obstruct:
- a) any officer of the Council in the proper execution of their duties;
 - b) any person carrying out an act which is necessary to the proper execution of any contract with the Council; or
 - c) any other person in the proper use of the ground.

Removal of offenders

26. No person shall behave riotously or indecently on the fields nor shall a person intentionally obstruct, disturb, or annoy any other person on the fields or in neighbouring properties.

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Penalty

27. Any person offending against any of these rules and regulations may be removed from the ground by an Officer of the Council, Council Member or an officer of the Police.

Alcohol

28. It is strictly forbidden to bring or consume alcohol at Foston Playing Field without the express written consent of Foston Parish Council which will only be granted when requested as part of a booking for an approved event.

RULES FOR PLAYING BALL GAMES IN DESIGNATED AREAS

Any person using a designated area for playing ball games is required to comply with the following rules:

- a) No person shall play any game other than those ball games for which the designated area has been set aside.
- b) No person shall obstruct any other person who is playing in accordance with these rules.
- c) Where exclusive use of the designated area has been granted to a person or group of persons by the Council for a specified period, no other person shall play in that area during that period.
- d) No boots with studs are to be worn when using the MUGA

WARNING

Foston Parish Council do not accept any responsibility or liability for the death of or injury to any person or animal who or which is at any time upon the field or for the loss of or damage to any property belonging to any person upon the field and all persons visiting the fields shall do so entirely at their own risk.

Clerk to Foston Parish Council

30 August 2020