

SUTTON-IN-CRAVEN PARISH COUNCIL

RULES FOR SUTTON PARK

CASUAL USE

PHILOSOPHY

The Parish Council manages Sutton Park on behalf of the residents of Sutton-in-Craven and wishes that the Grounds be a benefit to parishioners and others. It is keen that it shall remain a space for the enjoyment of pastimes by the parishioners, and will not wilfully obstruct, deny or prevent such enjoyment unreasonably. It does reserve the right to act as it sees fit for the preservation of the Ground for the majority of the parishioners

Terminology

In this entire document the following terms will be used;

‘PC’ means the Sutton-in-Craven Parish Council

‘Ground’ means Sutton Park

‘Applicant’ means any person or persons who have applied for permission from the PC to hold a formal event on the Ground.

‘Casual User’ is any person or persons using the Ground for casual activities as defined elsewhere.

‘Casual Activity’ is any activity not requiring the permission of the PC to be defined elsewhere and not involving more than 20 persons.

‘Event User’ is any person who uses the Ground at an organised event.

CASUAL USE

General Principles

1. All Users will make every effort to respect the Ground and the area surrounding it, including trees, paths, buildings, fences, furniture, the play areas and playing field and to cause no damage.
2. The following is a list of casual activities which may take place on the Ground without specific consent. The list is not exhaustive and if any user wishes to query whether an activity not on the list constitutes casual use he/she should contact the Parish Clerk.
 - **Ball games (except golf)**
 - **Picnics**
 - **Children’s games**
 - **Informal gatherings of no more than 20 people**
3. Casual games are permitted with the exception of those named in the schedule of limitations in this document. Formalised games are permitted with specific permission of the PC.

4. The enclosed play area is designated primarily for the use of children under the age of 6. With regard to this area the following should be noted
 - **Children should be supervised by an adult at all times**
 - **No dogs except service dogs or bicycles are permitted within the play area**
 - **No alcohol or glass should be taken into the play area**
 - **Users are requested to use the litter bins provided within the play area**
 - **Any dangerous, damaged or misuse of the equipment should be reported immediately to the Park Keeper, Park Keepers Assistant or Clerk.**
5. Dogs are allowed in the Ground and must be kept on a lead and on the paths. Dogs are not allowed on the grassed areas. Dog faeces must be collected by the owner and deposited in a dog waste bin or taken home.
6. Cars are not allowed in the park unless special permission is received by the Council, Clerk or Park Keeper.
7. Users are requested to take litter home with them or put it in the litter bins provided.
8. No structure, marquee tent or similar may be erected without the permission of the PC.
9. No drones may be used in the Park without prior consent of the parish Council.
10. The use of the Ground for informal casual use is permitted only in so far as the use complies with relevant laws of the land applicable at the time.
11. The PC reserves the right to disallow casual use, temporarily or permanently, as it sees fit. It will act reasonably in exercising this right.

Limitations as to use

The Recreation Ground shall **not** be used for the following purposes:

- **Golf practice of any kind (putting is allowed on the designated area only)**
- **Ground based fires or barbecues***
- **Flying of powered model aircraft of any kind**
- **Horse riding**
- **Shooting or archery**
- **Riding Motorcycles**
- **Motor car or Motorcycle rallies or similar**
- **Organised Event without permission**

Or for any activity that is dangerous, noxious, offensive, illegal or immoral or that may become a nuisance to neighbouring properties.

*Barbeques - permission must be granted by the PC.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

1. No user shall perform any action or permit any action to be performed that endangers the safety of other users or casual passers-by.

2. The Parish Council will endeavour to keep the Ground in a state fit for use by regular inspection.
3. The user undertakes to ensure that the Ground is in a safe state for casual users when he/she leaves the area.
4. From time to time there maybe objects or materials on the Ground which are dangerous or in a dangerous state. Care must be taken to avoid injury by not using or approaching these objects. The danger must be reported to the Park Keeper or any Councillors as soon as possible.
5. Dog walkers must make themselves aware of others using the Ground and take appropriate action to control animals in their charge. Faeces must be removed to protect the health of users.

GROUND MAINTENANCE

1. The PC shall be responsible for the general maintenance of the Recreation Ground to include, mowing, cutting back and general repairs.
2. The PC shall take all reasonable measures to ensure that the Ground is fit for the purpose intended.

THIS POLICY IS TO BE REVIEWED ANNUALLY

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