

APPLETON WISKE PARISH COUNCIL

APPLETON WISKE VILLAGE GREEN POLICY

Introduction

The responsibility for all aspects relating to the village green in Appleton Wiske is that of the parish council. The parish council is legally obliged to preserve the village green, including its surfaces and boundaries. In order to further this obligation, the parish council has adopted this village green policy.

1. Restrictions

- 1.1 No new permanent structures (other than those referred to in paragraph 4.3) are to be erected on any part of the village green unless approved by the parish council for the benefit of the parish.
- 1.2 Parking or driving of vehicles will not be allowed on the grassed areas of the village green. All residents with property which has a frontage to the village green are to be advised of this requirement. Vehicles (other than emergency services and those involved in authorized maintenance of the village green) are prohibited from access to the non-vehicle designated areas under the relevant Acts covering village green.
- 1.3 The parish council will not reasonably withhold grants of easement for vehicles across village green for access to garages etc. The parish council will encourage all residents to apply for formal easements where applicable, but all legal costs, including those of the parish council, must be met by the applicant. Rights of easement may be withdrawn if the owner of the easement is in breach of any other clause within this policy.
- 1.4 Dog fouling on the village green is prohibited. Any dog faeces must be collected by the owner/responsible person and deposited in the bins provided. Persons failing to comply with the above will be reported to the Dog Warden at Hambleton District Council.

2. Maintenance

- 2.1 The parish council is responsible for maintaining the village green including trees and amenities such as seats and litter bins.
- 2.2 Responsibility for maintaining the surface of parking areas, driveways, footpaths and any other access across the village green rests with the owner or occupier of the benefiting premises. Where such surfaces are to be renewed, materials used shall be cobbles, key blocks or other traditional materials specifically approved by the parish council.

3. Building work adjacent to the village green

- 3.1 The parish council retains the discretion to allow specific use of the grassed areas by vehicles, skips etc. in connection with building work. In return for permission to use the village green in connection with building work, users or builders must complete the relevant form (attached) and repair any damage to the village green such that it is

reinstated to its original condition. (Note; this includes paved areas as well as grassed areas.)

- 3.2 Any application for use of parts of the village green to provide access to new buildings or housing estates behind the existing frontage will only be considered when an amount of appropriate land acceptable to the parish council, equal to or greater than the land required is offered in exchange by the developer. (Note: this is a legal requirement.)
- 3.3 The approval of the parish council must be obtained for the excavating of trenches for services etc. across the village green before such work commences. It is the ultimate aim of the parish council for all electric and telephone services to be laid underground.

4. General

- 4.1 Any area of the village green which forms a boundary with the highway or defined parking area will, where appropriate, be kerbed. Areas not designated for use as parking or driveways will be grassed.
- 4.2 The use of the village green for recreational and social purposes is to be encouraged provided that there is no permanent damage to the surface.
- 4.3 The parish council will normally permit the provision of amenities such as seats and litter bins, and the planting of trees and flowers subject to agreement of the location with the parish council.
- 4.4 The parish council will keep a record of all vehicular easements granted under paragraph 1.3 and all paths across or along the village green.
- 4.5 A map of designated village green shall be available for inspection on request.

TEMPORARY STORAGE OF MATERIALS ON THE VILLAGE GREEN APPLETON WISKE

Whilst Appleton Wiske Parish Council cannot formally grant permission to temporarily store materials on the Village Green, Appleton Wiske, it recognises that this is sometimes necessary in order to carry out repairs/building works on properties which front onto the Village Green.

However, where such temporary storage of materials is required, the Parish Council require a signed undertaking from the owner of the property as follows.

I intend to carry out repairs/building works* on property/properties known as:

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These works are expected to lastdays/weeks* starting on
.....and ending on
and temporarily stored materials will be removed as soon as possible.

I agree to repair any damage caused to the Village Green and return it to its original condition.

Signed: Date:

Name:

Address:

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Phone:

Appleton Wiske Parish Council recognises the above undertaking that the responsible person above will repair any damage to the Village Green.

Signed: Date:

Position:

* delete as appropriate

No works shall be started before the Parish Council has given permission for the works to commence. For periods longer than 4 weeks, the Parish Council may require further details about the works to be undertaken. If the works are to exceed the period stated above an extension must be sought from the Council. All materials must be stored and skips maintained in a safe and orderly manner and insurance is the responsibility of the owners or the contractors. You and the contractor must ensure the safety of the Public around their equipment.

Please return to Helen Johnson, Clerk to Appleton Wiske Parish Council, 5 Hunters Ride, Appleton Wiske DL6 2BD or e-mail to clerk@appletonwiske.com . Please tel: 01609 881660 or 01609 881576 with any queries.