

## **Policy for the Casual Use of Cheswick Green Parish Council (CGPC) owned land**

**Not** to be read in conjunction with CGPC Events application – which is a separate document.

Cheswick Green Parish Council considers its land of benefit to all parishioners and other users. This policy applies to the following areas of land, the Recreation Ground, the Village Green, Parcels of land on Saxon Wood Road, The Mount and the Boer War Memorial.

CGPC is committed to ensuring its land shall remain an open space for the enjoyment of pastimes by parishioners and will not wilfully obstruct, deny or prevent any activities unreasonably.

CGPC reserves the right to act as it sees fit to preserve the use and enjoyment of its land for the majority of its parishioners.

CGPC is open to suggestions, comments and input from parishioners and welcomes such at Parish Council meetings, the dates of which are displayed on the Parish Council noticeboards throughout the parish and on its website.

### **CASUAL USE General Principles**

1. All users will make every effort to respect the land and the areas surrounding it, including: trees, shrubs/plants, wildlife, paths, buildings, fences, furniture, play areas, football pitch/goal posts and other sports provisions. Some land use such as the Recreation Ground behind the Village Hall is site specific.

2. The following is a list of casual activities, which may take place on the land without specific consent. This list is not exhaustive and if any user wishes to query whether an activity not on the list constitutes casual use, they should contact the Clerk to the Parish Council. Ball games (except golf) - children's play area/games - swings - table tennis table - basketball facility - dog walking - use of benches.

3. The enclosed play area is designed for the use of children under the age of 12 years. With regard to this area the following should be noted.

Small children should always be supervised by an adult. Dogs are **NOT** permitted within the play area. No glass or alcohol should be taken into the play area. Users are requested to ensure no litter is left inside the play area. Users are requested to consider neighbouring parishioners.

Any dangerous misuse of, or damage to, the equipment should be reported to the Clerk to the Parish Council or any Parish Councillor.

4. Dog walking is permitted, but dogs must be kept under control at all times. Dogs must be kept on a lead while any formalised activity is taking place in/on the Recreation Ground or in the vicinity of children. Dog faeces **must** be collected by the owner (*person responsible for the dog at the time*) immediately and **must** be deposited in any of the bins located around the Recreation Ground.

5. Users are requested to take litter home with them or put it in the litter bins provided.

6. The Parish Council reserves the right to disallow casual use of any area of the Recreation Ground temporarily or permanently. It will act reasonably in exercising this right.

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

8. The Parish Council will endeavour to keep the land in a state fit for use, by regular inspection.

9. The user undertakes to ensure that the land is in a safe state for casual users when they leave the area.

10. From time to time there may be 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 Clerk or any Parish Councillor, as soon as possible.

11. The Parish Council is responsible for the general maintenance of the land, this includes mowing, cutting back shrubs, hedge maintenance and general repairs. It shall engage whatever contractor it determines fit to perform these tasks.

12. The Parish Council shall take all reasonable measures to ensure that the land is fit for the purpose intended.

13. The Parish Council shall undertake monthly inspections of all equipment contained within the Recreation Ground. All inspections will be recorded, any defects will be reported, and details held on file for a minimum of 3 years. Defects will be dealt with as soon as possible.

14. The Parish Council has appointed RoSPA to carry out an annual safety inspection.

15. The Parish Council may, at times, be required to prevent any activity taking place that would be detrimental to the users and if maintenance of anything within the Recreation Ground is required. If the Parish Council needs to suspend use for any reason, the users will be notified accordingly.

Parishioners must complete an application form to use land for purposes other than those stated in 2 above, which can be obtained from the Parish Councils website. The Parish Council will only accept applications on its prescribed forms. A returnable deposit of £200 is required, provided the land remains in a good and tidy fashion post-use. The information you provide regarding the event will be used only for the purposes for which it has been given.

#### Casual Use Restrictions

Parishioners are not permitted to use the land for their own use or purposes other than stated in section 2 above.

The Parish Council will consider the following via a letter/email from applicants.

1. The siting of memorial benches.
2. Trees and plaques beneath trees may be permitted.

The cost of purchase, siting and maintenance will be met by the applicant.

Should any approved item be deemed beyond reasonable repair, it will be removed. Removal would not occur until discussion had been held with the applicant, provided the applicant or the applicants relation(s) can be contacted.

#### Prohibited use

1. The placing/fixing of flowers, balloons, plaques, candles, toys of any sort, or any other ornament, memorabilia and adornments, etc. is not permitted. All such items will be removed and disposed of.
2. The lighting of bonfires, fireworks and any other form of pyrotechnic use.
3. Barbeques.
4. The consumption of alcohol.

This is not an exhaustive list, if in any doubt, ask for permission via letter/email to the Parish Council.

# Cheswick Green Parish Council

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## NOT TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN EVENT APPLICATION

### Cheswick Green Parish Council - Casual Use Application form

Application form for casual use of Cheswick Green Parish Councils land.

The information you provide regarding the event will be used only for the purposes for which it has been given.

Please complete the following information and submit it to Cheswick Green Parish Council (depending on the extent and nature of the event) a minimum of 1 month prior to the event. Either by email to [clerk@cheswickgreen-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@cheswickgreen-pc.gov.uk) or via the post box located at Cheswick Green Village Hall.

Reason for Casual use .....

Date of Casual use .....

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Name of organiser .....

Address & postcode .....

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E-mail address .....

Website .....

Contact telephone No. ....

Casual use location.....

What time will the casual use commence .....

What time will the casual use finish .....

**Detailed content of event - please provide as much detail as possible, using a separate sheet of paper if necessary: -**