



Hertingfordbury Parish Council - Village Green Management Policies

Hertingfordbury Parish Council (HPC) are owners and custodians of the Village Greens within the Parish of Hertingfordbury. The Council is obliged and bound to protect the condition of our Greens for the wider public enjoyment. In fulfilling its responsibilities the Council has taken expert legal advice, advice now published on the Parish Council website. HPC also formed a Greens Crossing Committee in 2015 to formulate policies for management of the Greens. These policies were adopted by the HPC in December 2015.

1 Damage to Village Greens

- Wherever damage to the Green is identified and the cause can be identified. HPC shall endeavour to have the party that caused the damage reinstate (or pay for reinstatement) of the Village Green to its former condition.
- Requests from utilities companies or other to lay services on or under Village Greens must be made in writing to the Clerk. All requests should contain as a minimum a schedule of works, detailed plans/drawings including access and inspection points, size, colour and location of joint boxes and inspection chambers.

2 Obstructions on Village Greens

- All obstructions on the Village Green can reduce the ability of the public to exercise their legal right to use and enjoy the Village Greens. HPC will seek to protect, preserve and enhance its Village Greens on behalf of the parish by keeping to a minimum any obstructions.
- Requests for installation of any temporary or permanent obstacle for (examples include barriers, bollard, posts, signage) on the Village Greens must be made in writing to the Parish Clerk.

3 Parking on Village Greens

- Motorised vehicle parking on a Village Green is against the law. Where a vehicle is parked on a Village Green the Clerk will seek to inform the owner that they are parking illegally. If the infringement continues the matter will ultimately be referred to HPC Solicitors.

4 Encampments and Infringements on Village Greens

- The policy adopted by HPC to respond to encampments, or other infringements on the Village Green is to where required use legal process to remove encampments and stop infringements.
- HPC do not allow unapproved obstructions or ad hoc storage of materials or other items on the Village Green. Any resident or organisation who wishes HPC to consider any temporary facility must approach the Parish Clerk in advance, in writing.

5 Crossings and Easements over Village Greens

- HPC are unable to grant new legal rights for motorised vehicles to cross the Village Greens.
- HPC only recognises Village Green crossings which have legal status.

6 Maintenance of Village Greens

- The standard of maintenance and repair of the Village Greens shall be defined by the Parish Council and reviewed annually.