EDLESBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Policy statement regarding casual use of Edlesborough Green by parishioners

In order to protect and preserve Edlesborough Green (the Green) for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future parishioners, Edlesborough Parish Council (the Council) has adopted the following policy regarding casual use of the Green by parishioners.

The Green is owned and managed by the Council. The Council is therefore the final arbiter of what can and cannot take place on the Green.

All parishioners are entitled to free use of the Green for leisure and recreation purposes with the exception of the tennis courts and the Pavilion as noted below.

Exclusive leases

The tennis courts are exclusively leased by Edlesborough Tennis Club (the Tennis Club), but all parishioners are eligible to join the Tennis Club. The Pavilion together with its environs is exclusively leased by Edlesborough Community Sports Club (ECSC), and all parishioners over the age of 18 are eligible for free membership of ECSC.

Use by Sports Clubs

The Council authorise various local sports clubs to hold competitive games on the Green. Those clubs are required to make a financial contribution towards the upkeep of the Green and their use is governed by a separate policy statement which can be seen on the Council website. The clubs are entitled to exclusive use of whichever pitch or pitches that they require for the duration of the game(s) and training sessions. The pitches are accessible by parishioners except when a games or training sessions are in progress.

Casual Use by Parishioners

Whilst the Green is available to all parishioners for leisure purposes except as described above, they are required to avoid any activities that might damage the surface of the Green or might compromise other peoples' enjoyment of the Green. In particular the surface of the various sports pitches must be respected, especially the cricket wicket and football goal mouths. A copy of the Bylaws is available on the Council website.

Dogs must be kept under control, preferably on a lead, to avoid them interfering with other users of the Green. Dog owners must clear up any mess made by their pets. Dog bins are provided on the Green for that purpose.

Group Activities

Any group activities on the Green must have the prior written consent of the Clerk. A fee may be payable for any group activities if it is considered that the organiser may have a commercial

interest. Where there is any doubt whether or not an activity is permitted on the Green, the Clerk must be contacted. The Clerk's decision is final.

Signed for and on behalf of Edlesborough Parish Council	
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