

**Hermitage Parish Council**  
**Furze Hill Recreation Ground, MUGA and Open Spaces Policy**  
**Adopted September 2020**

The Furze Hill site, its facilities and other public open spaces are provided for the enjoyment of Hermitage residents with all having equal rights to its use.

Hermitage Parish Council (HPC) is responsible for the management of the sites. Users should report any damage to the facilities or inappropriate use to the Parish Clerk at [hermitagepc@outlook.com](mailto:hermitagepc@outlook.com).

For organised group activities, prior permission must be obtained from HPC by contacting the Parish Clerk. Organisers will be required to provide evidence of third-party liability insurance, where appropriate, and will be liable for any damage caused beyond normal wear and tear.

HPC recognises that some activities may require sole use of parts of the facility eg MUGA or recreation ground. This can be booked by emailing the Parish Clerk.

No charge is made for individuals or community groups, but donations towards the maintenance of the facilities are appreciated. Activities just for adults may only be held during school hours or after 20.00 or with the express agreement of Hermitage Parish Council.

Commercial groups or organisations may also use the facilities according to the following rules:

1. All organisations/groups must be registered with HPC before using any part of the facility or other open space. HPC reserves the right to decline permission.
2. Users of the recreation ground, MUGA or sports equipment are requested to make voluntary donations of 10% of the gross income for any classes or events where this income is £50 or more per session. Fees are payable to Hermitage Parish Council and sent to the clerk by cheque or arrangements can be made for direct transfer. Donations will be used for upkeep of the facilities.
3. Bookings may only be made a maximum of four weeks in advance.
4. Facilities may not be booked for more than one hour per week except during school hours or with the express agreement of HPC.

Hermitage Parish Council does not provide any facilities for equipment storage. It cannot accept liability for loss of or damage to equipment or any injury caused to third parties.

Bookings are conditional on all parties following current Coronavirus guidelines.

Reviewed by Hermitage Parish Council on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Signed by Chairman .....