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Policy for considering requests for use of Fordham Heath

This Policy was adopted by the Council at its Meeting held on

Introduction

From time to time the Parish Council is approached to grant permission for individuals or organisations to use the heath for personal or commercial purposes. The Council wish to be consistent in their decisions and hold at all times the well-being of the Heath as their priority.

The byelaws governing the Heath & Greens were passed in 1947 by the now abolished Lexden and Winstree Rural District Council. These byelaws are confirmed as in force by an entry in the Register of Village Greens in 1994. They can be read on boards on Seven Star Green and on the Heath. Colchester Borough Council is the successor to Lexden and Winstree Rural District Council, but delegates its authority to the Parish Council.

Policy

- Any request for use of the heath outside the use lawfully allowed to members of the public should be addressed to the Clerk of the Council.
- Each request will be taken to a full Council meeting for consideration.
- When considering a request, the Council will take into account the Byelaws and all legislation governing use of common land.
- This includes the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 which lists activities allowed and those prohibited.
- The Council's decision will be formally recorded in the minutes of that meeting and communicated to the person requesting use of the land as soon as possible following the meeting.
- The Council will take appropriate action to prevent use of the heath which is against the law and/or detrimental to the well-being of the land.

Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Clerk and Council to ensure that it is continually developed and is made publicly available.