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### **Introduction**

This document articulates a set of principles for the management of the public spaces under the responsibility of Charvil Parish Council (CPC) and has been agreed by CPC in a meeting of the full Council. Its purpose is to act as a guide for the Council's decisions on the management of public spaces (principally at East Park Farm, the Village Hall and St. Patrick's Recreational Field) and in turn to advise residents and other members of the general public, as well as to provide a management framework for officers of CPC.

### **Policy**

1. Public Open Spaces are for the use of the public for leisure activity. Provided the activity is not at risk of causing harm or injury to other users of the park and does not dominate an area of the open space for any length of time then the public have the right to use public space as they please.
2. Activities that may cause harm or risk to other users of the park cannot be permitted in the interest of public safety. One example would be Golf practise; this activity has the potential to cause harm to other users and therefore cannot be permitted. Please contact CPC for further information regarding prohibitive activities and/or refer to the signage at East Park Farm and St. Patrick's Recreational Ground.
3. Organised 'sports activities', 'fayres', 'parties' etc. are only permitted if booked as a formal 'Event' which can be requested through our service; our Terms and Conditions of Hire, Fees and Charges shall apply.
4. For the activity of Metal Detecting, we do not consider the process of scanning to cause harm to others. Digging 'for a find' does however have the potential to become a hazard, which therefore carries a proportionate risk. Through the recent changes in CDM regulations the authority cannot allow any digging to commence prior to completed C2 checks. This means collating a series of stats which detail whether or not the area which shall be dug hosts any gas, electric, water, fibre optics etc. This is a very time-consuming process and as such we do not have the resources to carry out these checks for the purposes of Metal Detecting, unfortunately this means that the ground cannot be disturbed.
5. We do accept that not being able to 'dig for a find' defeats the objective set out for the purposes of Metal Detecting.
6. We are only able to authorise land that is within the remit of Charvil Parish Council. Please ensure you provide enough notice for us to respond within 10 working days for any enquiry.
7. We expect that you carry out a Risk Assessments prior to any activity.
8. We require notification of a scan on any of our sites.
9. We require appropriate PPE and equipment is used.
10. Members of the public are to be always treated with respect and courtesy.
11. Charvil Parish Council reserves the right to halt any metal detecting activity at any time.

*Dated October 2021*